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Airplane hijacked to Tunis Begin, Sadat in discord on Jewish settlements

TUNIS, July 11 (R) — A United States airliner made an unscheduled landing at Tunis during the night after a dispute between passengers and the crew, diplomatic sources said.

The Global International Airways charter flight was bound from Beirut for a destination in Latin America, the sources said. No further details of the incident were immediately available.

It was not clear whether the plane had been hijacked, or whether it was still at Tunis airport.

But the Tunisian government clamped tight security around the incident and it was not immediately clear who had forced the plane down or why.

"It is still not clear what has taken place," said one U.S. official who declined to be identified by name. "It appears to be a hijacking but the situation is somewhat confused."

U.S. officials said they had no definite information about the cargo being carried or its destination. One report, which could not be confirmed, claimed it was a shipment of arms labelled medical supplies.

A Boeing 707 cargo plane coming from Lebanon was hijacked to Tunis Monday, spokesmen for Global International Airways Corp. said in Kansas City.

Farhad Azima, board chairman of Global, said in Kansas City, Missouri, the four-man crew from Kansas city was held incommunicado for 30 hours after the aircraft was diverted to a military base in Bizerta.

He said the aircraft was loaded in Bizerta with 105,000 pounds of cargo, which he described as weapons.

The aircraft was flying charter from Beirut to Costa Rica with a cargo that Azima said contained relief goods — medical supplies and clothing — when it was forced into Bizerta.

Azima said after the crew was allowed to communicate with Global, the Federal Aviation Agency and the U.S. State Department were notified and the crew was released to the U.S. embassy in Tunis.

ALEXANDRIA, July 11 (R) — Prime Minister Menahem Begin and President Anwar Sadat ended their talks here Wednesday in disagreement about Jewish settlements on Arab land but with signs of progress on Palestinian autonomy.

The two leaders met for two hours at Ras el Tin Palace, home of former Egyptian kings. It was the second session of talks since Begin arrived here Tuesday.

At a joint press conference afterwards, both leaders stressed that the talks on autonomy for Palestinians of the Jordan West Bank and Gaza had been very important.

President Sadat declined to give details as saying he could not negotiate in front of a microphone.

"But it was very important," he said.

Asked if he thought the discussions here had given the autonomy talks a push forward, Sadat replied, "Yes, certainly."

Begin said he and Sadat had lengthy talks about Jewish settlement on Arab land occupied by Israel in 1967. The Israeli leader made plain he disagreed with Egyptian and American complaints that such settlement was illegal.

"Each of us expressed his views about it (settlement)," Begin said. "These were not identical. We

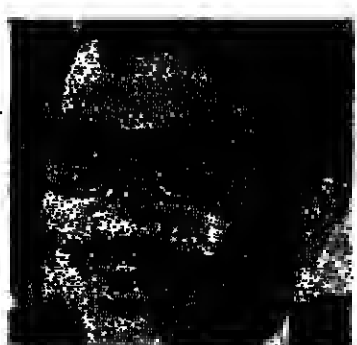
are free men. We agreed to differ."

Sadat confirmed that he and Begin disagreed on the subject. Similarly there seemed to have been little accord when the subject of south Lebanon came up. Egypt has objected to Israel's support for Christian militias in South Lebanon and opposes Israeli air and land strikes into the area in pursuit of Palestinians.

Both leaders briefly touched on the question of open borders, symbolically opened at their last meeting in May at Arish, but in answer to a question about increased tourism possibilities neither indicated the pace of normalization would be quickened.

Egypt had been expected to agree to more exchanges on tourism business and educational fields in exchange for hoped gestures from Israel to attract the support of moderate Arabs.

But there was no sign of such a trade-off, indicating that Egypt, at least, felt the goal of the talks had fallen short.



President Sadat



Premier Begin

Iranian Kurds demonstrate

Two soldiers executed

TEHRAN, July 11 (AP) — Two more executions in the early hours of Wednesday took the total of Iranians executed by Islamic courts over 300 since last February.

The official Pars News Agency reported that a policeman was executed in the Caspian city of Nowshahr in the early hours of Wednesday after he was found guilty of killing a number of anti-Shah demonstrators last winter.

Anushirvan Asgari, a policeman with Nowshahr Police Department became the 300th person to be executed by firing squad since the Islamic Revolution overthrew the Shah in February.

Later in the day, Pars said, in Isfahan, an army private was also executed by firing squad. Ahmad Sardar was found guilty of killing, injuring and suppressing people during the last months of the former regime. Sardar's execution brought the total of people executed to 301.

In Faramshahr tens of thousands of Kurds, many of them armed, demonstrated throughout Iranian Kurdistan Wednesday in massive support for their autonomy demands.

The demonstration came during a one-day strike called by the Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) to underscore the autonomy call and to protest what the party considered anti-KDP reporting in Iran's state-controlled radio and television.

"Democracy for Iran — Autonomy for Kurdistan," proclaimed streetwise cloth banners as well as placards carried by chanting demonstrators.

Scores of Kurdish tribesmen, wearing traditional tasseled turbans and baggy trousers, waved rifles and submachine guns as they

headed demonstrations in several Kurdish towns.

There were no reports of violence. Violence in Kurdish areas last March left more than 200 dead.

The Kurds have revived their autonomy demands after the overthrow of the Shah.

The March fighting ended when the government promised the Kurdish leadership that Iran's new constitution would take their autonomy demands into account.

The Kurds have become increasingly restive recently, claiming the draft constitution which was published last month has totally ignored their demands.

Iranians extinguish new oil fire

ABADAN, July 11 (AP) — Iranian authorities Wednesday reported a second fire in five days in the pipeline system feeding the world's largest oil refinery, and state oil company sources said plans are being considered to increase security at oil installations.

The latest fire broke out Tuesday night near the town of Dar-khuyen, 60 kilometers north of the Abadan refinery. Officials said firefighters from three cities rushed to the scene and quickly extinguished the blaze.

An official of the National Iranian Oil Company said the fire was not the result of an explosion, but of an unexplained rupture in the line. He said the line which brings 60,000 barrels of crude oil daily to the refinery would be back in operation later in the day.

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King opens silos

JEDDAH, July 11 — King Khaled Wednesday evening formally opened the grain silos and feed mill and a new container terminal at Jeddah Port.

At the opening ceremony Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman A. Solaim said that with the silos and mills the entire demands of the western and southern regions of the Kingdom for fodder would be met, with flour being bought by government mills at 3.5 riyals per kilo, encouraging farmers to grow wheat.

Dr. Fayed Badr, president of the Saudi Ports Authority, said that "by opening Jubail port, Your Majesty converted a little village into an industrial center. Today you opened the container terminal, making Saudi Arabia the 10th in the world in container services."

Ahmad Shinawy, general manager of the Grain Silos and Flour Mills Organization, said that the project took three years to build. He said it took that long because it is built on land reclaimed from the sea and strong foundations were essential.

He paid tribute to the "services" efforts of those who had worked on the project.

The opening of the Jeddah Port grain silos and feed mill brings



SILOS OPENED: King Khaled Wednesday opens the grain silos, feed mill and a new container terminal at Jeddah Port.

Saudi Arabia closer to self-sufficiency in flour production. With flour mills working in the Central and Northern Provinces and another under construction in Khams Mushait, the Jeddah Project will eliminate the need for Saudi Arabia to import flour. It will also guarantee a reserve of six months' supply.

"Dr. Badr told 'Arab News' that the complex contains silos with a total capacity of 120,000 tons and four mills for milling flour, each with a capacity of 270 tons a day. That equals 20,000 bags of 45 kilograms and 200 tons of residue a day.

There is also an animal fodder mill with a capacity of 100 tons in

every eight-hour shift that can handle various formulations of feed. Its production will be doubled later. Another plant for cleaning and packing wheat handles 360 bags of 50 kilograms each an hour, he said.

Laboratories open around the clock will supervise production. A maintenance section and administrative building are included. The whole complex cost 400 million riyals.

Work on the container terminal started in November 1978. Three berths totalling 70 meters in length were built, with the possibility of building three more Dr. Badr said.

No injuries or damage

Skylab plunges into Indian Ocean

WASHINGTON, July 11 (AP) — Skylab, a ghost ship with a proud tradition, plummeted back to earth like a flaming meteor Wednesday, and trackers said the spacecraft dumped its tons of molten debris harmlessly into the Indian Ocean.

There were no reports of damages or injuries from the debris. But there were reports that several fragments fell on parts of Australia.

A U.S. space agency spokesman said a tracking station at Ascension Island in the South Atlantic off central Africa confirmed at 1607 GMT that Skylab's solar panels were ripped away by the thickening atmosphere at a height of 69 statute miles.

The rest of the giant laboratory space ship broke up moments later in its plunge toward earth.

The space ship began its final plunge after the space agency sent it into a tumble to steer it away from North America.

In a final prediction of a long vigil, trackers forecast at 1525 GMT that Skylab would plunge back into the atmosphere between 1601 GMT and 1653 GMT.

Falling there, its debris would scatter over a 3,700-mile track extended into the Indian Ocean several hundred miles west of

Australia. The announcement came as Skylab was on the last of the 34,981 orbits it has logged since it was launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida, six years ago.

The Skylab control center reported that the spacecraft had dropped below orbital speed and "is indeed on its re-entry."

The final orbital path passed over the North Pacific, the northwest tip of the United States, south central Canada, north of Montreal and Ottawa, and the state of Maine.

Earlier Wednesday, when it appeared Skylab would shower pieces on North America, the space agency ordered it to start tumbling in space. This reduced the drag on the spacecraft and extended its life long enough so that it would clear the continent.

"We think this is the safest and most prudent action we can take at this time to give us the absolute minimum probability of casualty of damage from Skylab," Smith told reporters.

A radio signal was sent at 0747 GMT Wednesday to fire nitrogen gas thrusters which started the 77.5-ton craft "wobbling and rolling" as it passed through an altitude of 92 miles.

Confirmation that the maneuver worked came 30 minutes later when Skylab passed within range of a tracking station in Madrid, Spain. NASA spokesman Bob Gordon reported, "The rate is not as high as anticipated at this time, but indications are that Skylab is beginning its final entry to earth."

The action was intended to delay Skylab's fiery re-entry about 30 minutes, until about 1600 GMT. On that time tons of Skylab debris that did not burn up would fall harmlessly into the Indian Ocean.

The decision to start the craft tumbling was made after the North American Air Defense Command, which has been tracking the spacecraft, issued a revised

re-entry prediction at 0435 GMT Wednesday. It forecast Skylab was likely to re-enter over the North Pacific, posing a potential threat to North America, primarily Canada.

The earlier predictions had placed the most likely re-entry area in the South Atlantic or Indian Oceans, far from land.

The sudden shift in the prediction indicated the difficulty in forecasting the demise of an orbital vehicle. The rate at which it falls depends on such things as variations in radiation fields over ocean and land areas, weather and solar activity.

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WASHINGTON, July 11 (R)

President Carter has rejected proposals to lift price controls on gas as part of crash programs to overcome the energy crisis and improve his political standing, the White House has disclosed.

The proposals were given to him by some of his energy advisers, who believed that ending price controls would force American drivers to conserve.

At the same time, the president announced from Camp David, where he has been meeting for the past week with top advisers and various experts, that he was ordering restrictions on cooling and heating in non-residential buildings from Monday.

Commercial and government buildings must set thermostats no lower than 78 degrees Fahrenheit for air conditioning and no higher than 65 degrees for heating.

Penalties of up to \$10,000 in fines were set for violators. Exempted from the order were hospitals, elementary schools and bedrooms — but not other rooms — in hotels.

Energy Department officials said the president's order would save between 200,000 and 400,000 barrels of oil a day. Present consumption is about 18 million barrels daily.

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Doctorate awarded China president decorates Naif

TAIPEI, July 11 (SPA) — Nationalist Chinese President Chiang Ching Kuo Wednesday decorated Prince Nayef, the interior minister with the Excellent Order of the Brilliant Star with the Grand Cordon.

Chiang received, Prince Nayef in the presence of Foreign Minister Y. S. Chiang, minister of Interior Chon Huan-sho and Saudi Ambassador in Taipei Sheikh Zein Al-Abidin.

Nayef presented a golden sword to the Chinese president. Also Wednesday, the Chang Chi University awarded Prince Nayef an honorary doctorate of law for his efforts at serving his country and improving relations between China and Saudi Arabia.

The decision was announced by Dr. Ourian Sbol, the university rector, at a celebration attended by Prince Nayef.

Sbol said that the university was honored by Prince Nayef's visit, and the Chinese people thanked him for the good treatment given Chinese in Saudi Arabia. He also praised Saudi-Chinese relations.

Prince Nayef spoke, thanked the chairman and administrative board of the university for their warm welcome.

He said Islam calls for education and contact with different cultures. He was proud to be honored with the doctorate.

At the end of the ceremony

Deputy Minister of Education Chi Yeng praised Prince Nayef for his efforts to improve relations between the two countries, and congratulated him in the name of the minister of education.

Prince Nayef also visited the headquarters of the Chinese Islamic Society and the Jame Mosque in Taipei, accompanied by Minister of the Interior Tay Chong.

They were welcomed by the chairman of the society, Daud Shi, who said that the brotherhood between the Muslims of China and the Muslims of Saudi Arabia is a close tie.

He showed Prince Nayef some of the society's activities and thanked the Chinese government for helping the society. On his visit to the Islamic.

Society Prince Nayef emphasized the importance of brotherhood between Muslims. He was pleased at the care given Muslims by the Chinese government.

"I assure my Muslim brothers in the Republic of China that their Muslim brothers in Saudi Arabia are always behind you. They feel their great responsibility towards Islam and Muslims, and do everything possible to help them," he said.

"You should abide by Islamic conduct, following truth, sincerity and working in favor of Islam.

At the end of his visit he gave \$20,000 to the society.

Within six months

Industries ordered to report progress

RIYADH, July 11 — The Ministry of Industry has asked 600 Saudi manufacturing firms to report to it on their progress since they were set up.

The companies have been given six months to complete their reports, unless satisfactory grounds for delay are given.

"Al-Bilad" reported Wednesday that the amount of money invested in industry in Jeddah has reached SR1,689 million. That includes factories for:

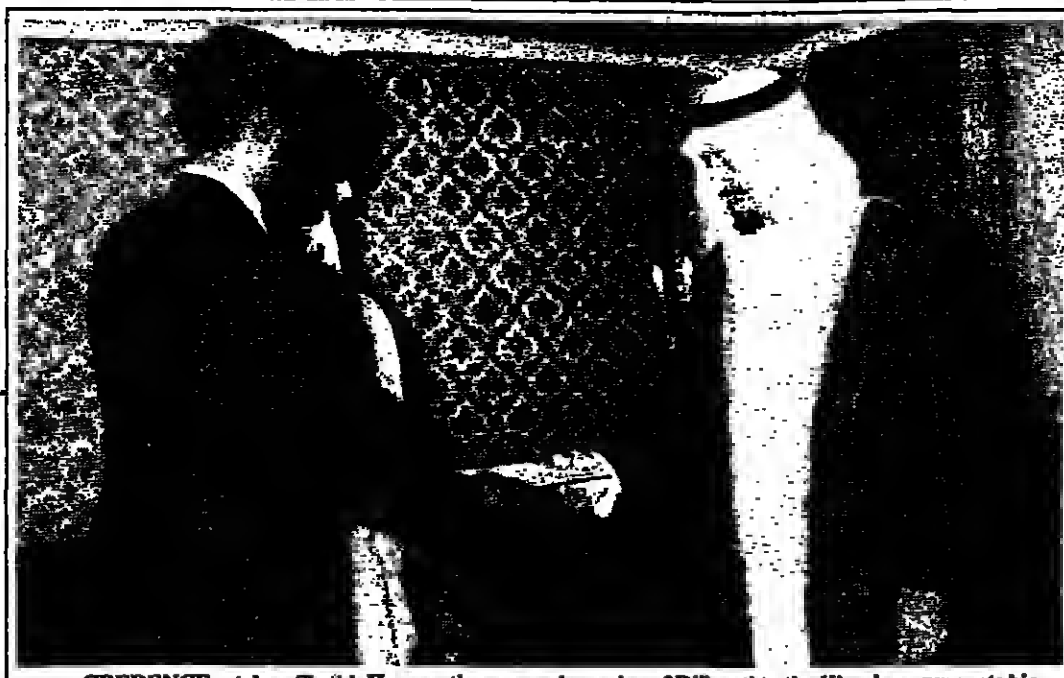
Food, SR210 million
Containers, SR12 million
Tin sheets, SR55 million

Aluminium, SR178 million
Steel reinforcement bars, SR11 million

Paint, SR12 million
Tanning, SR12 million
Plastic, SR134 million
Oxygen, SR20 million
Perfume and cosmetics, SR56 million

Electric cables, SR1 million
Prefabricated housing, SR56 million

Tiles, SR33 million
Bricks, SR260 million
Concrete, SR247 million



CREDENCE: Adam Sheikh Hassan, the new ambassador of Djibouti to the Kingdom, presents his credentials during an audience with King Khaled Tuesday.

Until all services laid

Holes in N. Jeddah roads will stay

JEDDAH, July 11 — Northern Jeddah's roads will finally be asphalted when all digging in them has been finished and all services laid.

Ghazi Mustapha Munkabu, the director of North Jeddah Municipality, told "Al-Bilad" in an interview published Wednesday that "we cannot stop digging up roads just because it spoils the view."

Such works are providing the area with its telephones, electricity and water. But it is just a matter of time, and then the streets will be asphalted once and for all.

He admitted the streets of north Jeddah are not clean: "it is

because we do not have enough workers in the cleaning department."

"And what makes it worse is that the public does not cooperate. We once gave out plastic bags for rubbish to be kept outside houses and picked up by the dustmen. But some people sold their bags in the fish market."

On top of that, he said, "the carelessness of some people is making us start all over again on work we had already finished, rather than starting on something new. We don't like to see our efforts at making the place nice being wasted."

"Let me give you an example. Two days ago I saw a driver run over a flower bed in his pick-up. He was trying to make a U-turn over the median strip, and he broke the bed's concrete surround. I was furious, and went up to speak to him. Cool as a cucumber, he said 'I'm a stranger round here and I don't know the rules.'"

He was asked about the role of the coordinating committees, and replied: "You may not hear much about them, but they are important for coordinating with contractors and following up their work. And they liaise with other government departments like the telephone or the General Electricity Organization."

Most of the land given by the government to the municipality to

develop around Jeddah has not yet been touched: "We start with the partially developed, and move on to the barren. Our resources are limited, so we cannot do it all at once."

"We will provide lighting for Crown Prince Fahd Street and the flyover soon," he said.

Children under 7 banned from two Holy Harams

MECCA, July 11 (SPA) — Children under seven are to be banned from the two Holy Harams of Mecca and Medina.

The Holy Haram at Mecca is the mosque and Kaaba area, and in Medina the Prophet's Mosque.

A statement issued Wednesday by the Directorate-General of the Two Holy Harams said the decision to ban children had been taken after an investigation had looked into the harmful effects of their presence and its distraction from religious thoughts.

The noise of children playing made it difficult for people to hear sermons on Friday, and distracted attention from the lectures of religious scholars. It made their spiritual counsels useless and meaningless, the statement said.

It said that the lofty aim of the mosques, and particularly of the two Holy Harams could not be achieved in such uproar.

The statement also said that many children have been found soiling the Holy Harams while their parents pay no attention and do not care about dirt and filth in the mosques.

Arrangements have already been made to prevent children entering the Holy Harams, and the authorities have been told the decision takes effect immediately.

RIYADH, July 11 (SPA) — Governor of Riyadh Prince Salman will deputize for Crown Prince Fahd at the convocation of Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University July 22.

Four hundred students, including one Ph. D., will receive degrees.

Direct overseas calls will begin in autumn

RIYADH, July 11 — Qatar's Communications Minister Abdullah ibn Nasser Al-Suwaidi said that direct telephone links with the Kingdom will begin next month. This was agreed with the Saudi Minister of Posts, Telephones and Telegraph Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal during the Qatari minister's visit last month, he told "Al-Jazirah" Wednesday.

By October, or November at the latest, any subscriber here will be able to dial six Arab and 25 non-Arab countries directly, according to "Al-Medina." These include Jordan, Qatar, the UAE, Kuwait, Bahrain, Iraq, the United States, Britain, Germany, Spain, Italy, Portugal, Canada, Belgium, Taiwan, Holland, Switzerland, Luxembourg, Austria, Sweden, France, Norway.

The Ministry is in contact with other countries to set up direct links in the next few years.

By the end of the Second Five-Year Plan in 1980, 350 towns and villages in the country will be connected to each other.

Meanwhile Dr. Kayyal Wednesday attended the graduation of the seventh class of students of the Radio and Telecommunications Training Institute of Jeddah.

Dr. Ibrahim Obeid, deputy

minister for telegraph said the institutes in Jeddah and Riyadh have been useful in radio and telecommunications since their establishment in 1973.

They have so far trained 440 technicians, 310 assistant technicians, 770 operators and seven assistant engineers. In addition, 327 officials have been trained in English and on the different aspects of telegraph, telephone and radio services.

The institutes have also trained 23 students from Oman and North Yemen.

The ministry's training center Wednesday opened classes for its 120 students for three months of training on radio and telecom-



Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal communications equipment.

Jeddah's Telephone Director Rabei Dahlan said that the center was to raise efficiency of telephone personnel in Jeddah to cope with expected services.

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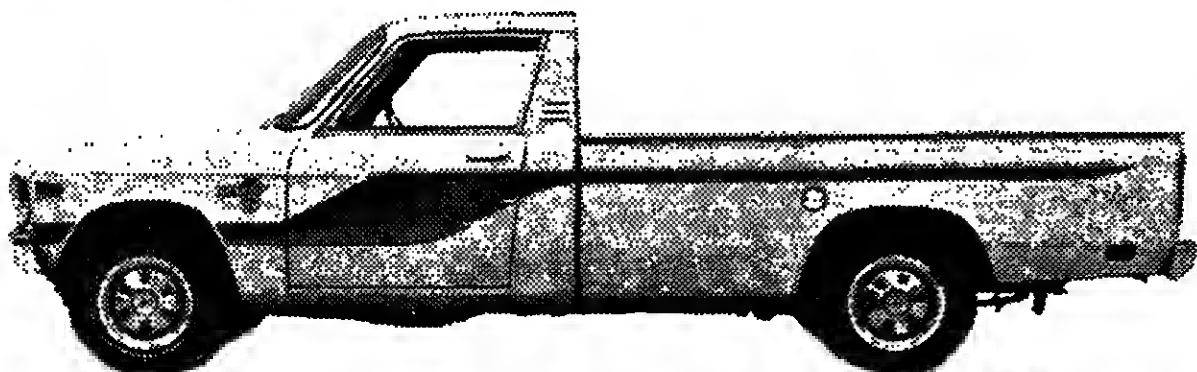
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U.N. troops in Sinai may not return, says Britain's ambassador

UNITED NATIONS, July 11 (AP) — British Ambassador Ivor Richard predicted Tuesday that efforts to return the Sinai peacekeeping force will run into trouble in the Security Council later this month.

The mandate for the U.N. Emergency Force (UNEF), set up in 1975 to monitor Egyptian-Israeli disengagement in the Sinai, expires July 24.

Richard, scheduled to be replaced after finishing his term as Security Council president for July, said the session on

renewal "will be a difficult meeting."

The Soviet Union opposes any role for U.N. troops in carrying out terms of the Egyptian-Israeli Treaty. The treaty provides for U.N. monitoring of the Israeli withdrawal in the Sinai but includes a U.S. agreement to set up an alternate multinational force if the U.N. fails to renew the mandate.

"The Soviet inclination now is to prevent UNEF from going through. It looks as if the Soviets will veto," Richard said.

He said it is too early to say if some compromise might be worked out. "At this stage countries are not interested in alternative arrangements."

Richard predicted his government will not alter the essential lines of its foreign policy. "While there will be a difference in means and flavor, in terms of British essential interests there won't be a vast difference."

He also said any attempt by the West to take control of oil fields by force would be "ill advised." He compared such a venture to the 1956 Suez intervention by Britain and France, which he described as "crazy."

He said any U.S. leaders toying with the idea of invading the fields should read the 1956 speeches by U.S. delegates to the United Nations condemning the Suez war.

Turning to disarmament negotiations, he said he was "very pessimistic about the U.N.'s role."

He said the trouble in disarmament is that none of the big powers will yield any sovereignty to the United Nations. "I've never seen any real sign that countries that count in disarmament—and there are about 20, including my own—have any inclination to cede authority in this area."

Commenting on the role of religion in the Middle East, in Ireland, Iran and other areas, Richard said, "It is depressing to see the extent that theology has become militant. One does find there is a feeling of peering backward through the telescope to the 16th century in viewing religious conflicts."

Women attacked for swimming at Caspian resort

TEHRAN, July 11 (R) — Islamic militants wielding sticks and knives charged into a Caspian Sea resort and chased mixed bathers from the swimming pool, the state radio announced Wednesday.

It said several persons, including a pregnant woman, were injured in the incident.

Ayatollah Khomeini recently issued a ban on women swimming "naked" in the sea, meaning they should not use western swimming suits and should bathe fully clothed.

He said Caspian Sea resorts would play men and women found swimming together.

In another Caspian resort, Chalus, six people, including a woman were flogged for drinking alcohol. In the southern city of Shiraz, revolutionary guards slapped a one-week closure on a local cinema for showing a film alleged to offend public decency.

Old Friends

WASHINGTON, July 11 (AP) — Former President Richard Nixon plans to leave Thursday afternoon for a one-day visit in Mexico with the Shah.

He will leave Los Angeles on a Mexican plane.

Mrs. Nixon, who recently accompanied her daughter Tricia and son-in-law back to New York, will not go to Mexico.



BAHRAIN BELLE: A dancer in Bahrain wears traditional dress for a recent performance in Manama.

Syrian newspapers cry for action against U.S.

DAMASCUS, July 11 (R) — Syrian newspapers are calling for a campaign against American interests and the use of the oil weapon in reply to what they called American threats in the Middle East.

"Al-Baath," organ of the ruling Baath Party, said the U.S. administration had stepped up its campaign against the Arab states, exploiting the energy crisis to threaten direct military intervention.

This was a reference to a recent Washington call for formation of a 110,000-strong force for quick intervention in the Middle East and other areas.

The paper said: "The policy of

force is outdated, and the only reply to it should be translated into action in threatening the American administration's interests in the Arab homeland and striking at its interests wherever they are, in reply to the threat of military intervention."

"Tishrin" said that in spite of a U.S. outcry over an oil crisis, there was no danger to oil resources or to the flow of oil, "unless the U.S. considers that the Arab oil owners are a threat to their oil and their land."

"The Arab nation, which offers blood for its land and rights and to ward off aggression and injustice, will not hesitate to sacrifice oil if forced to do so and cornered."

Terre Fleener

Ex-prisoner depllores Israeli interrogations

WASHINGTON, July 11 (R) — A young American woman imprisoned for 20 months in Israel on charges of spying said Tuesday confessions were exacted from her under duress.

Terre Fleener, 24 of San Antonio, Texas, was arrested as she entered Israel in October 1977.

She was charged with taking photographs for a Lebanese boy-friend working with a Palestinian commando group. She had spent a month in Israel the previous year.

"I was innocent of the charges brought against me," Miss Fleener told a news conference. "A series of false confessions were extracted

from me... these confessions constituted the sole evidence in the secret trial which sentenced me."

Miss Fleener, who lived two years as a tourist and student in the Middle East, including Lebanon, said she planned to tour the United States to give the true picture of Israeli treatment of Palestinians.

"Such interrogation practices as were used in my case were unusual in that they did not go to the extremes of physical abuse and torture which are commonly employed in interrogating Palestinians."

She thought this was because she was an American citizen and the Israeli lifeline is its financial and military aid from the U.S.

Miss Fleener said she had heard from other prisoners stories of Palestinians being tortured but had not seen any physical marks in torture on any prisoners.

She was released last week after serving 20 months of a five-year sentence, partly because of the pressure of U.S. public opinion.

Israeli secret police had subjected her to physical manhandling by roughly jerking her from her chair, constant abuse and threats of injecting her with a truth drug.

Dutch soldier sacked by U.N.

THE HAGUE, July 11 (AP) — A Dutch soldier who military officials said made "offensive" anti-semitic remarks while serving with the Dutch contingent of the United Nations Forces in Lebanon has been removed from U.N. service.

The action was taken after a report appeared in the Amsterdam-based weekly "Haagse Post" about the morale of Dutch soldiers serving with UNIFIL.

Soldiers were quoted as making several strongly anti-semitic remarks. About 830 Dutch soldiers serve with the U.N. forces.

The soldier "failed in self-discipline in making the remarks," the foreign ministry said. "Self-discipline is very important for such U.N. service."

Arafat briefs aides on results of Vienna talks

DAMASCUS, July 11 (AP) — Yasser Arafat briefed his top aides here Tuesday on the results of his talks with Chancellor Bruno Kreisky and Willy Brandt.

Fresh from a tour of Bulgaria, Austria and Libya, Arafat talked with Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam before chairing a meeting of the Executive Council of the PLO.

Before the meeting got under way, the PLO's Abdul Abu Maizer appeared bent on dispelling the impression that the PLO might soften its stance on the Arab-Israeli conflict as a result of Arafat's talks with Kreisky and Brandt.

The PLO is not considering the possibility of accepting 242," Abu Maizer said. "Our position on that score is clear, and that was what Arafat told Chancellor Kreisky."

Resolution 242 calls in part for an Israeli withdrawal from Arab territories seized during the 1967 war in return for an Arab recognition of Israel's right to exist.

The Vienna talks, earlier this week, have prompted vehement criticism by the Knesset and Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

Begin said the PLO national charter was a "second edition of Hitler's Mein Kampf" and labeled the movement a "murderous organization seeking the destruction of Israel."

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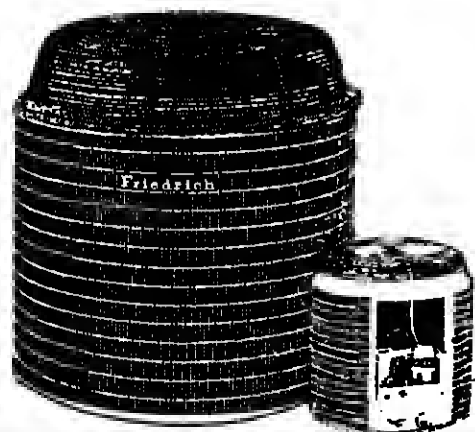


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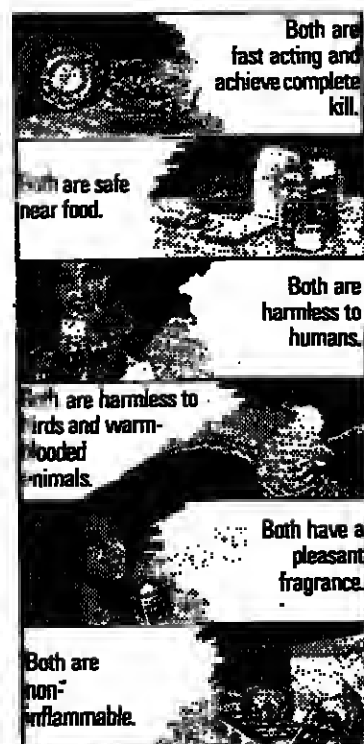


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Shorn of majority, Desai fights to survive no-confidence motion

NEW DELHI, July 11 (AP) — Nineteen defections from Prime Minister Morarji Desai's Janata Party left it without a majority in the Lok Sabha Wednesday as debate began on a crucial no-confidence motion.

The 28-month-old Janata government could survive the vote, expected Monday, if it maintains the support of allied regional parties and Marxist communists.

The defections announced Wednesday brought to 46 the number who have left the party since the crisis began. The loss left Janata with 253 seats in the 544-member Lok Sabha.

All but two defectors joined dissident Raj Narain, the outspoken former health minister, who had

demanding that Desai expel from the Janata a faction of Hindu nationalists known as the Jana Sangh.

Opposition leader Yeshwantrao Chavan, who tabled the no-confidence motion, told the Lok Sabha after debate got underway that the Janata leadership had brought about a "crisis of confidence" in the country.

He appealed to members to vote against Desai, claiming it had flouted India's tradition of secular politics, an apparent reference to the clout of the Janata's Jana Sangh faction.

He described recurring Hindu-Muslim riots as "the most shameful thing happening in the country."

Parliament was told 146 people were killed and 812 injured in communal violence over the first five months of 1979.

As debate began, Janata strength was 268 in the Lok Sabha which has five vacancies. The speaker, K.S. Hegde, votes only in case of a tie.

The Sikh-dominated Akali Party and the Communist Party of India-Marxist, both of which usually support the Janata, control a total of 31 seats.

Chavan, 66, referring to recent outbreaks of sectarian violence and the police mutiny over higher wage demands, said the country was in crisis.

"Only God can save the situation now," the former foreign minister told the Lok Sabha.

Chavan's Congress Party is the largest opposition group with 75 members, followed by former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's Congress (I) with 71.

The no-confidence motion followed rumors in recent weeks about the formation of a third party, of dissident Janata elements, the Congress Party and supporters of Karnataka State Chief Minister Devraj Urs, a powerful south Indian politician who recently broke with Mrs. Gandhi.



Y. B. Chavan

One of a dying breed of burglar sentenced to jail

LONDON, July 11 (AP) — Cat burglar David Brewster, known respectfully at Scotland Yard as "The King of the Mayfair Rooftops," was sentenced Tuesday to 10 years in prison. Old Bailey Criminal Court jurors heard testimony that Brewster's skill, before convicting him of two burglaries. A Scotland Yard detective said, "He is the most successful cat burglar of our time. He is one of the old-fashioned cat burglars and they are a dying breed. Now burglars go in for the more basic skills like hitting people."

Defiant Muzorewa to argue case to Carter

WASHINGTON, July 11 (R) — President Carter and Zimbabwe Rhodesian Prime Minister Bishop Abel Muzorewa will hold an unprecedented meeting Wednesday with sign that there is little hope for improved relations between their countries.

Bishop Muzorewa will call on Carter at Camp David in what is the first meeting between an American President and a leader of Rhodesia.

Both sides indicated Tuesday their positions were far apart. The White House said the meeting would be brief, and Carter would discuss with Bishop Muzorewa the steps needed to bring about genuine majority rule.

Bishop Muzorewa Tuesday night brushed aside the suggestion.

"I don't have to take any further steps. I've done what needs to be done," he said after spending 75 minutes with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance.

"All I call for is sanity in the international community...it is insane to continue to impose sanc-

tions on a popularly elected government which were imposed on the UDI government."

Carter will press for constitutional changes to strengthen the black role in government and weaken the veto power that the white minority wrote into the country's new white-approved

constitution.

If Bishop Muzorewa agreed to alter the arrangements, the United States would revise its policy on sanctions even if black guerrilla opponents rejected the changes, U.S. officials.

But Muzorewa's statement Tuesday indicated his principal

Carrington urges support for Rhodesia government

LONDON, July 11 (AP) — Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington said Tuesday that the April elections in Rhodesia "have changed the situation fundamentally."

In a forthright indication of support for the new government, Lord Carrington told the House of Lords, "It was not Bishop Muzorewa who made the Unilateral Declaration of Independence. He needs our help and encouragement if he is to demonstrate that a new government with new policies is in charge and that

Rhodesia is now firmly embarked on the road to a multi-racial society."

He said the Conservative Government is working on proposals for the former colony's future.

There is no reason to believe there will be a better chance of a solution next year or the year after, Lord Carrington said.

"Elsewhere in Africa different views are held as to whether there has been a real transfer of power from the minority to the majority. We cannot, nor would we wish to, ignore these views."

aim is to get the United Nations imposed sanctions lifted.

The bishop delayed his departure for London by 12 hours because of his meeting with Carter and is now due to leave Thursday morning.

The bishop's meeting with Vance was almost called off on the advice of his host, Republican Senator Jesse Helms of North Carolina.

In the end the bishop agreed to see Vance provided no aides were present from either side. Bishop Muzorewa said the meeting had been "very good" and Vance had listened to his plea to reconsider U.S. policy.

Muzorewa, Tuesday argued his case in meetings with key Congress members.

The day-long series of meetings produced some expressions of support for Muzorewa, but he also heard Senator George McGovern, chairman of the Senate's Subcommittee on African Affairs, and other senators explain why they oppose a lifting of sanctions.

Senators refuse change in presidential elections

WASHINGTON, July 11 (AP) — The Electoral College denounced in debate as a "great game of chance" and defended as a "proved revered system," was upheld by the Senate Tuesday.

A proposed constitutional amendment to abolish the office of elector and have presidents chosen by direct popular vote fell short of the required two-thirds majority.

The system has been modified slightly over the years, but has survived virtually intact.

The Electoral College was adopted as a compromise between large and small states. Each state is given one elector for each of its members of the House of Representatives, who are apportioned on the basis of population. But each state also gets one elector for each senator, giving each state an additional two electors regardless of its population.

Bayh and his allies argued that the system allows a candidate to be elected president even if he loses the popular vote. This has happened three times: in the elections of John Quincy Adams in 1824, Rutherford B. Hayes in 1876 and Benjamin Harrison in 1888.

Supporters of the Electoral College said it is needed to preserve the influence of the small states.

Some civil rights leaders, including Vernon Jordan of the Urban League, lobbied against the measure, saying it would dilute the

influence of blacks concentrated in large industrial cities.

The proposal called for a runoff if no candidate received 40 per cent of the popular vote. Several presidents have been elected with less than a popular majority, because of the inroads of third-party candidates, but only Abraham Lincoln in 1860 fell below 40 per cent. Lincoln won with 39.9 per cent.

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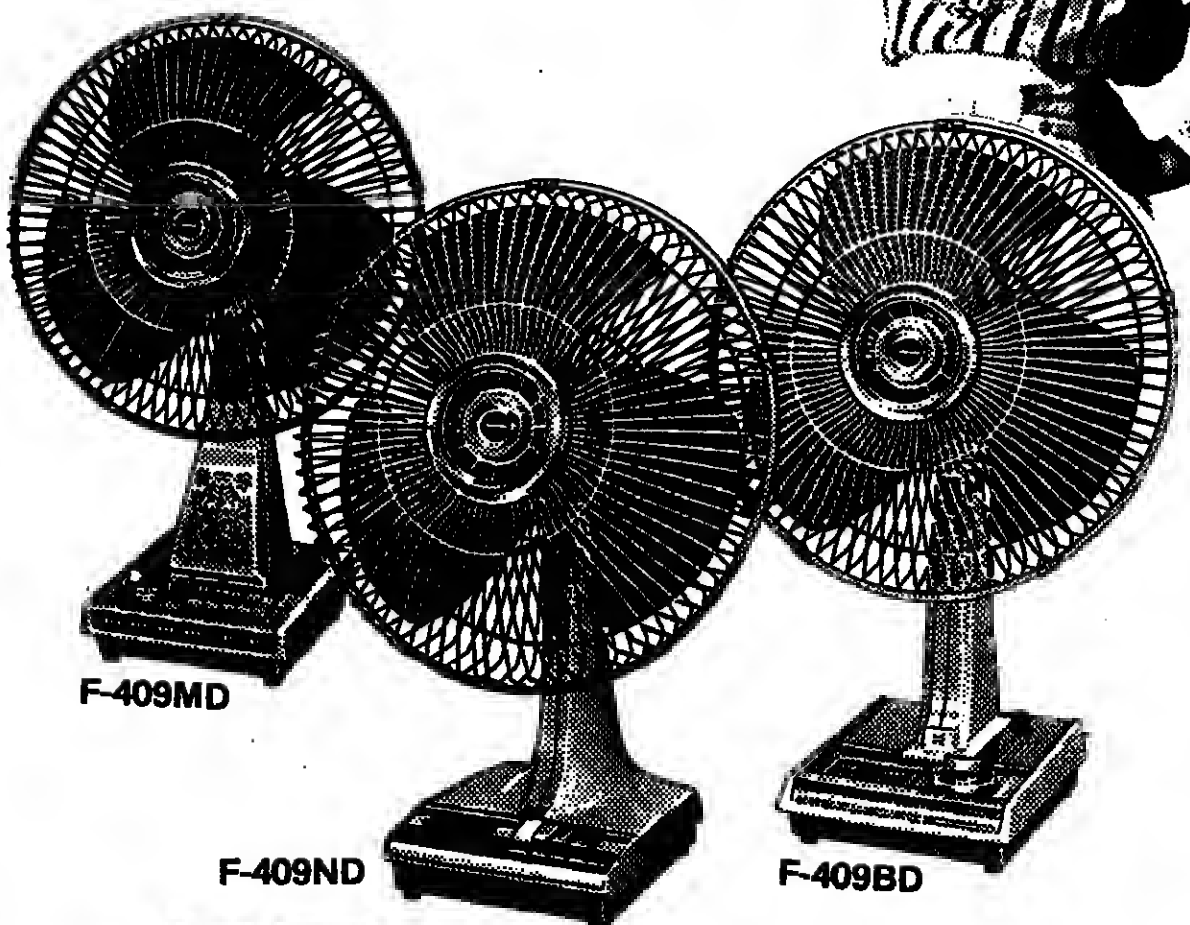
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Soviet M.E. policy: A game of watching

By Mark Frankland

MOSCOW —

Ask a Western diplomat in Moscow about the Soviet Union's policy towards the Middle East and he will very likely say, "they don't have one." Informed Russians, not surprisingly, give a different answer. For them the highpoint in the Middle East in recent years was the joint Soviet-American communique of October, 1977, which seemed to prepare the way for a conference at which progress could be made towards a comprehensive settlement.

The failure of this approach has forced the Russians back into classic positions. Not only do the Russians still insist, like a lonely man of virtue in a wicked world, that a comprehensive settlement remains the only hope for peace in the Middle East. They also suspect that the Americans had and have the worst of motives for going back on the October, 1977, agreement.

The Russians are well aware of the American argument that the separate peace signed between Israel and Egypt will, ideally, be a first step to an overall settlement that will solve outstanding problems of the West Bank, the Golan Heights and the Palestinians. They simply do not believe things will work out that way, and they also doubt whether it is still the real intention of the Americans that they should.

They argue that it is most unlikely that Israel will be encouraged to be more moderate in the future after winning such a victory in the separate peace treaty with Egypt. They suspect that America abandoned the joint Soviet-American approach because it saw a chance of making gains for itself in the Middle East through the separate peace. "There is also," said one Russian "the question of a growing American military presence in the Middle East. This is still only a tendency, not something that's happening rapidly. But it is aimed against the Soviet Union."

It is not surprising, then, to find Russians taking a good deal of pleasure in the difficulties the Egyptian-Israeli treaty has got the Americans into. They anticipate President Sadat being weakened by serious social and economic problems that will be aggravated by the cut-off of Arab aid. There is particular bitterness about Sadat, who is now savagely caricatured in the Soviet press.

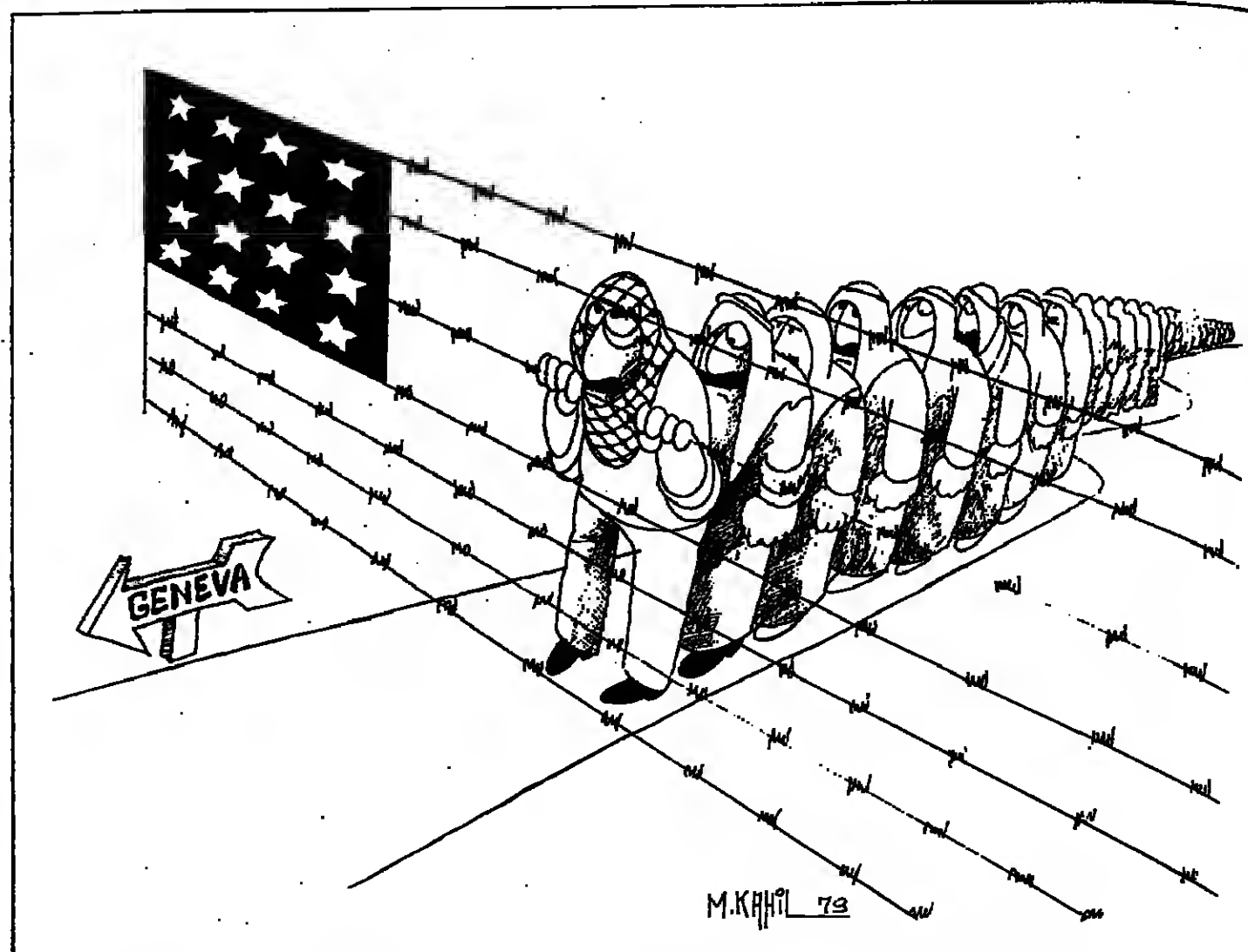
In fact there is something of a contradiction between Soviet suspicion of America's motives in helping President Sadat and Prime Minister Begin together and their pleasure at the trouble this has caused among America's old Arab friends. The Russians explain this by saying that "the Americans miscalculated."

The Russians still say it is putting the cart before the horse to set PLO recognition of Israel as a pre-condition in negotiations. "Why should the Palestinians admit Israel's rights if Israel won't admit the rights of Palestine, which does not yet even have a state?" To the suggestion that PLO recognition would make the Israelis feel more secure about negotiating a real settlement, one Russian replied, "Sadat's going to Jerusalem didn't seem to make Israelis feel more secure. In fact it made matters worse."

One Russian remarked with pleasure that the only countries supporting Sadat and the Americans were Oman and Somalia. "Even Sudan has now turned against Egypt." But the Soviet Union's own position in the Middle East, despite America's discomfiture, is scarcely brilliant. Russians present the Soviet Union as the country which, at a peace conference, "will make sure that the interests of the Arabs are protected."

But they are having problems with Syria because they will not let President Assad have all the modern weapons he wants (an interesting example of Soviet restraint). Neither Jordan nor Saudi Arabia, whatever their disenchantment with America, are natural friends of Moscow.

But the fact is that the Middle East presents Moscow with almost as many problems as it does Washington. The Russians' chief advantage at this moment is that they can simply look disapproving without having to do very much. (OFNS)



Cheating as an Indian birthright

By Inder Malhotra

NEW DELHI —

Time was when the only birthright the Indians claimed was that to freedom from British rule. But thirty-two years after independence, students in most Indian universities have started claiming that it is their birthright to copy and cheat in university examinations on a mass scale.

The problem is countrywide. But it has reached its apogee in a cluster of colleges about a hundred miles from New Delhi affiliated to the University of Meerut in the state of Uttar Pradesh. Meerut, which was the birthplace of the great mutiny in 1857, has now become the epicenter of mass copying in university examinations so brazen as to be beyond belief.

Earlier this month, students and police fought pitched battles on streets of Meerut and adjacent college towns when strong contingents of armed police were deployed in examination halls to help invigilators prevent cheating and malpractice.

Enraged at the deprivation of their "birth right" the students went on a rampage.

Now however a semblance of order has been restored. Under heavy police protection Meerut University examinations have been resumed. Nearly a fourth of students have boycotted the examinations in protest against "strictness" and even among those who are apparently willing to abide by rules at least fifty students are caught copying or cheating every day.

The present situation in Meerut would have been deplorable under any circumstances. What makes it lamentable is that the present troubled examinations are a sequel to those in February which were declared invalid because of copying and cheating on a gigantic scale.

At that time invigilators were threatened with knives and daggers while students merrily copied from books and notes. Others took their question papers and answer books to nearby houses and restaurants where obliging friends were

ready with answers. Outside one examination hall, answers to questions were read out over the public address system at dictation speed.

Many students are apprehensive that if present examinations are also invalidated they would lose a whole year. They are therefore keen that the examinations should proceed smoothly. But the toughs frustrated by the armed camp atmosphere of examination halls are trying hard to disrupt the process. Five of them have been arrested for egregious misbehavior, including assault on a woman invigilator.

The saddest part of the story is that between what is going on at Meerut and what happens elsewhere, there is only a difference of degree. Consequently, degrees of most universities are not worth the paper they are printed on. These are usually ignored by most employers and institutions of higher learning which devise their own standards for admission while laterally illiterate graduates swell the ranks of the unemployed. — (Guardian)

AFRICA'S SALVATION

There are indications that the forthcoming meeting of the Organization of African Unity which opens in the Liberian capital Monrovia July 17, will consider the creation of a pan-African force to keep the peace in the turbulent continent.

In the preliminary meetings of African foreign ministers the establishment of such a force was advocated by several delegates including the organization's secretary general and by Egypt — although for different reasons.

Regardless of the motives, the creation of such a force would be a welcome and overdue development in a continent that has paid and continues to pay dearly in blood and money for its strategic resources, and location.

The jockeying for influence and affection in Africa by the super-powers and by industrial countries has transformed several parts of the continent into battlefields and has fanned civil wars and destruction, and contributed to the slow development of an area rich in resources. The power struggle in several African countries is being actively supported by outside powers, and in the absence of an indigenous African force, such activities will continue.

However, in establishing a pan-African force, the OAU faces a real problem in reconciling opposing factions, and in cultivating an African spirit and perspective that a number of African countries appear not ready for.

The insistence of some African leaders to continue to act as agents for their former colonial rulers or to the new form of colonialism that has invaded the continent, is an ugly aspect of African politics and until there is a drastic change in this attitude, Africa will remain a fertile ground for violence and dissent.

There are no easy solutions to Africa's problems, but that does not imply that such solutions are beyond reach, and the OAU is the one group that can initiate a recovery operation. To allow the continent to continue its violent drift is unforgivable, and it is the duty of the organization to put the African house in order using all necessary methods — including force if need be. The struggle for power in Chad, Rhodesia, the Horn of Africa, Eritrea, South Africa and the Sahara to mention a few, is a cancerous growth that could touch and radically affect the more stable areas in Africa, and will keep the continent in the suspended state of development it has been in since independence as the rest of the world goes on.

Any pan-African force must live up to its name, and must act in total independence of foreign interests and strategies if it is to avoid becoming another party to regional conflicts.

That is not an easy thing to do, but Africa's stability and security are the responsibilities of Africans themselves, and it is hoped that a pan-African force coupled with the integrity and devotion of a considerable number of African leaders will offer Africa and its friends the desired salvation.

Britain bracing for a new round of labor trouble

By Leonard Downie Jr.

LONDON —

Is today the one-day air traffic controllers' and weather forecasters' strike? No, that was last month and it kept millions of business people and vacationers from entering or leaving Britain.

Then is it the beginning of a series of national one-day strikes by more than two million engineering and electrical workers that threatens 650 manufacturing firms and the country's electrical power system? No, that's still a few weeks away, and could be avoided if the unions are given a better pay-rise offer.

What about the London subway strike? No, that one was avoided for now by a higher pay offer although service is still disrupted almost every day by normal staff shortages and people who just don't show up for work. Check the chalk board on the subway station to see if the trains are running on time today. Same goes for British Rail commuters' trains.

Are clerical workers still on strike at Labor Party headquarters? That's just too politically embarrassing for both the unions and the party they support to continue.

Oh yes, of course, it's the strikes by the civil servant unions at the post office, which in Britain is in charge of both the mail and the telephones. That's why the post office asked everyone in Britain and especially London to stop mailing letters for a while, why it's impossible to get a telephone installed and why the quarterly bills for people with telephones have not come out for months.

The civil servants are ingenious strikers. Instead of pulling everybody off the job throughout the government all over the country, they specialize in hit-and-run strikes in selected sensitive parts of the giant government machine. The strikes are small, but their effects are big.

Thursday, for example, just five people who are

in charge of distributing stamps to all of Britain's post offices went on strike. If they stay out, as their union vows, there won't be any stamps in any post office in just a few weeks. In London, where stamp volume is greater, the shortage could be felt by the end of next week.

London already is suffering the worst effects of other disruptive labor actions and a growing staff shortage in the post office. With mountains of unsorted mail building up, the post office can't take any more. If people do not heed its plea to stop mailing letters, it may do what it did only a month or two ago: Close the openings on most mail boxes so that people are physically unable to mail letters.

A strike by just 650 more civil servants who normally run the computers for the telephone company part of the post office has stopped the flow of telephone calls to customers and money back to the post office. That strike, other "job actions" and staff shortages also have delayed installation of new telephones for months into the future. Businessmen who move offices or build new ones here cannot get telephone or other communications equipment installed or hooked up to the telephone lines for up to two years, which is beginning to discourage some businesses from moving to or staying in London.

And, it's only summer. The really big, disruptive strikes come in autumn and winter — like the trucking, auto plant and local government workers strikes last winter that helped defeat the Labor Party in last month's national election here.

Already there is more strikes this autumn and winter because the unions are unhappy with the economic policies of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's new Conservative government and believe their members must get really large pay raises — 20 per cent or more — to cope with the fast-increasing rate of inflation here.

The civil servants who, beginning while the Labor Party was still in control of the government earlier this year, have hit with selective strikes everything from the post office, airports and computers that

run much of the government to naval bases and munitions factories that make the army's bullets, want pay increases up to more than 30 per cent. So do the engineering and electrical workers who are threatening to cripple much of British industry.

Clearly salaries are low now in places like the profit-making post office. Europe's largest single commercial employer (although it's government-owned) where many people still work a six-day week. The unions say the low salaries, long weeks and overnight shifts are the reasons for the serious staff shortage, in a time of rising unemployment, and that the staff shortage is the real cause of the rapid deterioration in mail and telephone service. Transportation union leaders say these same problems are responsible for the staff shortages that disrupted subway and train services.

Lower salary union men also are unhappy that Mrs. Thatcher gave big raises of 25 per cent to 35 per cent and more to the military, police, national health service doctors and dentists, and top government officials right after becoming prime minister. They also are not impressed by her tax system, in which upper income families, including families of higher paid union-member skilled workers, got the biggest income tax cuts while everyone has to pay much higher sales taxes.

Leaders of the Trades Union Congress, Britain's more widely representative counterpart to the AFL-CIO, told Mrs. Thatcher just that at their first meeting this week with the prime minister since she took office. They also complained that her planned cuts in government spending and selling of some government-owned industries threatened to add significantly to Britain's already rising unemployment rate.

They told Mrs. Thatcher they did not think her intended shift of the economy from heavy government involvement to greater private enterprise would work and that her shift from income to sales taxes would not eventually make everyone better off as she believed it would.

Mrs. Thatcher told them she agreed that increasing inflation (more than 10 per cent now and expected to reach nearly 20 per cent by year's end) and unemployment (heading toward 1.7 million next year out of a labor force of 27 million) were worrying problems. But she said that more jobs could be created and wages raised only if everyone worked harder to expand the British economy. And excessively high wage demands and settlements, she again warned pointedly, could only lead to the loss of more jobs in an economy as static as Britain's is at the moment.

So the labor leaders decided to take their case to the public, as Mrs. Thatcher successfully did during the election campaign. They said they would mount their own national campaign to win public support for the government-run economy and expanding welfare state from which Mrs. Thatcher wants to move Britain away.

They say they are not seeking nasty confrontation, although individual unions strike for wages high enough to stay ahead of inflation. Mrs. Thatcher and her lieutenants have also said they do not want a confrontation, and they have decided to wait several months before trying to legislate changes in British labor law that would curb some of the unions' powers.

Conflicts with labor led to the election defeats of the last two governments here, one Conservative and one Labor. Former Labor Prime Minister James Callaghan, the most recent loser, has warned the trade union movement on which his party is based that it should not try non-democratic means to bring down an elected government it does not like. Besides, Mrs. Thatcher has a much safer majority in parliament than her two predecessors had.

The outcome of the evident maneuvering by both sides may be decided this winter, unless this summer's steady trickle of inconvenient strikes escalates sooner into the confrontation everyone says they want to avoid. — (WFP)

saudi press review

Saudi newspapers Wednesday led with the opening of the Jeddah grain silos and feed mills by King Khaled, providing details of the project, capacity and cost. Some of them devoted their editorials to the project as part of the overall industrial development of the country.

Other topics included Prince Nayef's visit to Taiwan, Skylah, and the possibility of a European peace initiative in the Middle East. Al-Medina revealed, in a dispatch from Kuwait, that the European leaders upbraided President Carter at the Tokyo summit over American policy in the Middle East and his approach to the problem. Al-Riyadh said that the Rumanian President may soon go to Damascus with an amended version of U.N. resolution 242 to discuss with Syrian leaders.

Discussing the Kingdom's recent decision to increase oil production, Al-Medina said that it was taken to boost the development of the country and to help the world get through the current shortfall. "For this reason it was welcomed and hailed as a responsible step to ease the crisis. This is how many people and governments saw it, except for some Arab communist lackeys like George Habbash of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine who deplored it, as if he did

holy city of Jerusalem to please the Jews, he should remember that the national interests of his country must outweigh those of his party and his own. Canada has far too many economic interests with the Arab world to be taken lightly and the Canadian government ought to know that Arab friendship and goodwill are of vital importance to it.

"While we do not wish to interfere in the internal affairs of any country, it would be fair to tell the Canadian government that any such action would be considered a hostile act against the Arabs," the writer said. "Besides, the Arabs have done Canada no harm to deserve such bad treatment and it is hoped that the election fever has subsided by now and the government is not going to do anything to make matters worse for itself."

Commenting on the PLO leader's visit to Vienna for talks with Bruno Kreisky and Willy Brandt, Al-Bilad said that "Israel

could not conceal its indignation and fear of Palestinian activity at high levels and certainly did not like the enthusiasm with which Arafat was received or that the Palestinians have had such an important forum to speak their minds.

"We believe," the paper said "that the Palestinians are doing well by moving in every direction to promote their case and convince others of the justice of their cause. The Palestinians will need to do a lot of public relations to challenge the propaganda of their enemies who have been monopolizing the world forums for a long time."

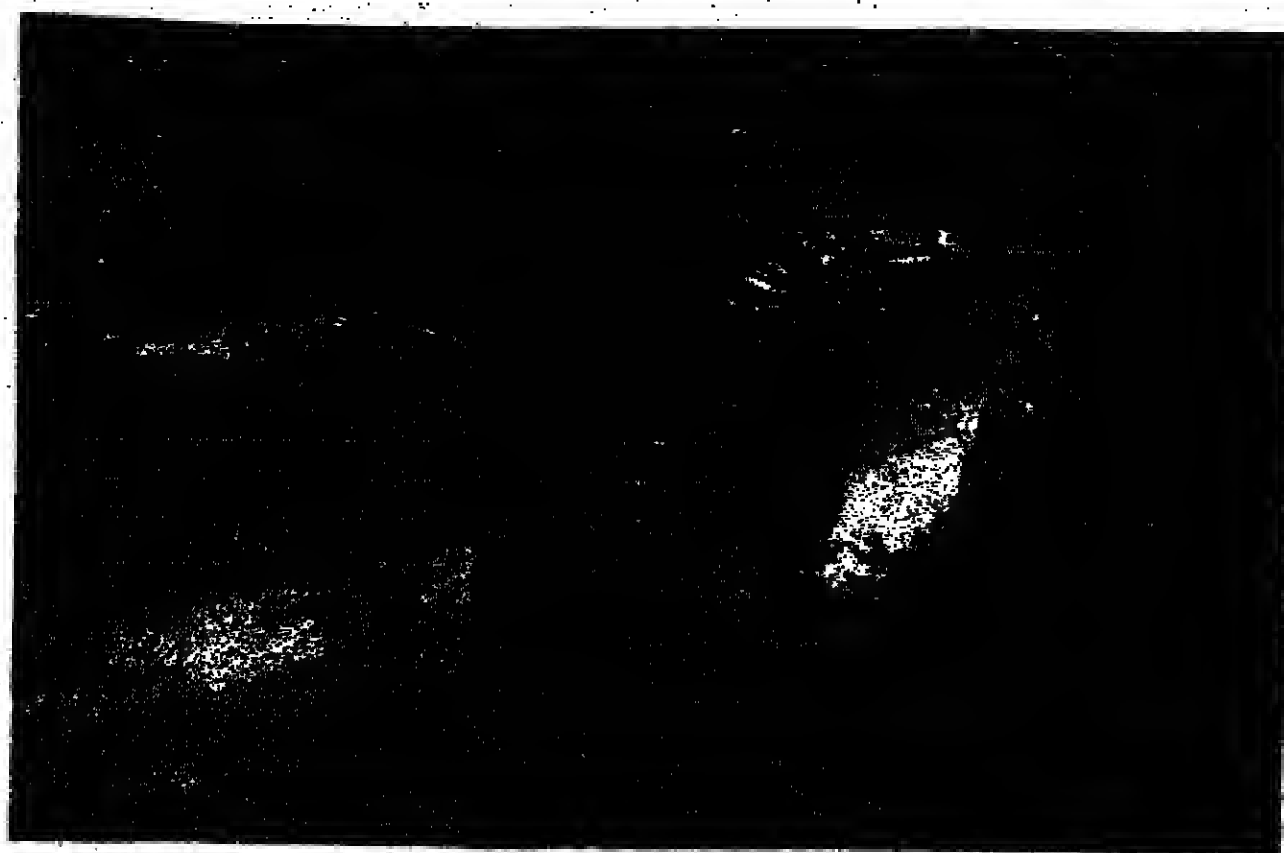
Commenting on the King's opening of the grain silos and feed mill at Jeddah port, Okaz said that this was another step in the direction of prosperity and that the Ports Authority has done a great job in the past few years. "For most among its accomplishments was the remarkable decongestion

of the ports in record time. This has enabled the country to take off by releasing enormous amounts of goods for construction and development. With projects going up all over the country, we were able to diversify our economic activity and income so that we do not have to depend solely on one source of income and one economic resource."

Despite instructions by King Khaled and Prince Fahd to the various medical advisory councils to speed up their procedures, the delay caused by red tape is often fatal, according to Al-Riyadh. The paper said that most of its correspondence deals with the negligence of the councils which have to decide whether or not a patient be sent abroad for medical care.

Frustrated by the delay, many patients have written to King Khaled and Prince Fahd seeking their intervention. This was done, but the red tape remained.





Upstream face of the Thalaba dam

Wadis and dams around Taif

By Clare Kent

TAIF — Despite the heat of summer, the many wadis around Taif are still looking reasonably green. The blue lizards bask in the sun all morning, usually choosing a high rock, out of reach but not out of sight. Hoopoes, bull-bulls and innumerable attractive birds still haunt the trees and bushes. Ants, beetles and other insects are in evidence everywhere.

Apricot season is here. They are piled high in the souk. Vegetables of all kinds from the farms around are on sale. Roses are in bloom preparing for next year's rose water. Fields of prickly pear are dotted with bright red and yellow flowers.

The climate and the fertility of the soil account for the abundance of farm produce in the area. Rain falls frequently during the winter months, when the average temperature is 16 centigrade. At this time of year the average temperature is 29 centigrade.

Dams have always been needed in the area in order to preserve and control the sometimes very heavy rainfall. Nearly every little wadi around Taif has a dam of some kind, many of them completely silted up now. They may just look like a giant step in the fertile farmland with crops growing at top and bottom. But, upon closer inspection, it can be seen that under the bushes and creepers the front of this step is made of large boulders, with mud and small stones between.

Dams like this are quite small. There are others which are much larger, but which have mainly fallen into ruin.

One such ruin is close to the

road which runs from Taif to Al Hada. Al Hada is near the top of the escarpment road to Jeddah. The dam is easy to miss if one does not know it is there although it can in fact be seen briefly from the road. It is called Thalaba dam.

To find it leave Taif on the Al Hada road, and after passing the guest palace, go about five kilometers further. Look out for a small tarmac road on the right, running parallel with the main road. Where this road is only a few meters away there is a break in the low concrete wall that borders the main road. Turn right here over rough ground and join the small road. Continue in the same direction. After a short way it curves away from the main road to the right into a wadi. Very soon after that the road passes through the middle of the breached dam.

This dam is very interesting and unusual. It is cut through the middle and it is therefore possible to see exactly how it was constructed. It is about 15 meters high and 100 meters long, stretching right across the wadi at this point. It is made up of two walls of large boulders with the space between filled up with rubble.

The upstream wall is of smaller boulders than the downstream one and is plastered with a deep yellow-colored substance. From a distance, with the sun on it, this wall looks as though it has been coated with orange paint. In fact it is a more natural color when seen close to, and varies in shades showing the marks of silting. The gravel of the silt layers has since been quarried and there is not much left.

The downstream face is not plastered and is made of massive

boulders, particularly at the bottom. The construction is slightly stepped on the downstream side so that the bottom of the dam is about ten meters thick, while the top is only seven meters thick.

There is a certain amount of mystery about this and other dams in the area, since no one is quite sure when they were built. It is known that there were a number of large dams built in pre-Islamic times in the Yemen, so it is possible the Taif dams were built then. But there is one dam on the northeast side of Taif which is intact and has a Kufic inscription carved into one of the boulders with the date 58 A.H. (680 A.D.).

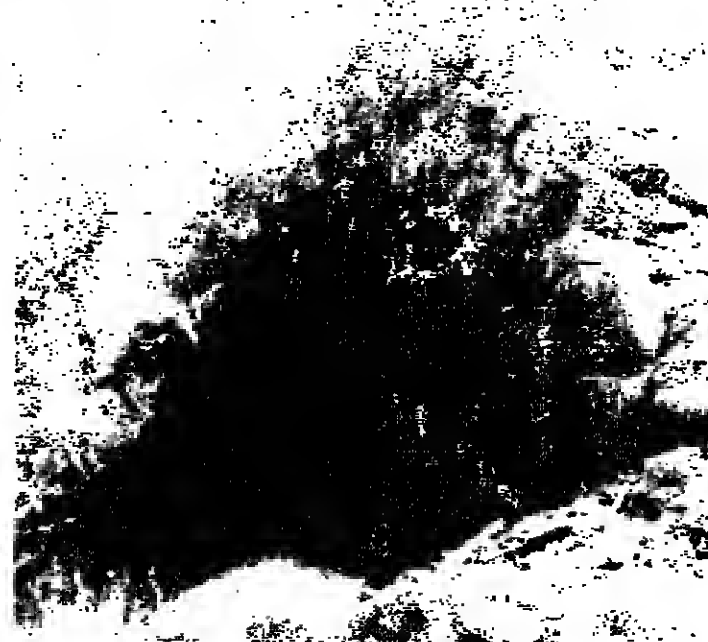
The other mystery is that many of them seem to have been built to silt up rather than to provide a reservoir of water. Perhaps their main purpose was to provide further stretches of fertile farmland. It is believed that those that

have silted up would have done so within 50 years or so of being constructed.

South of Taif, near Wadi Liyyah, there is another huge dam called Sed Samallagi. This dam is featured in the Department of Antiquities and Museums book, "Saudi Arabian Antiquities." It is described as "a substantial dam constructed of immortared stones."

This dam is thought to have been built in pre-Islamic or early Islamic times, and there are two watchtowers on nearby hills that were probably built at the same time. The dam is about the same height and thickness as Thalaba, but about 200 meters long. It also has a stepped construction on the downstream side.

This dam is situated in the upstream part of the wadi and must have been built to protect the farmland in the wadi below it from



Downstream face



Upstream face, showing plasterwork



Rubble between the dam walls

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JEDDAH

Saturday, July 14: Australian ladies sewing afternoon, 3 — 5 p.m. Details, telephone 53603.

Monday, July 16:

Jeddah Light Opera Society rehearsal at the British embassy, 8 p.m. Details, telephone Stuart Osborne on 52544.

RIYADH

Saturday, July 14:

French national day, La nouvelle cuisine, with live French music at the AL Khozama hotel, 8 — 12 p.m. Public invited. For reservations telephone 4654650.

Saturday, July 14 and Tuesday, July 17:

Riyadh Recreation Association ladies softball league. Corps of Engineers v. Lockheed (July 14); King Faisal hospital v. Lockheed (July 17). Games at the Bechtel field, 8 p.m.

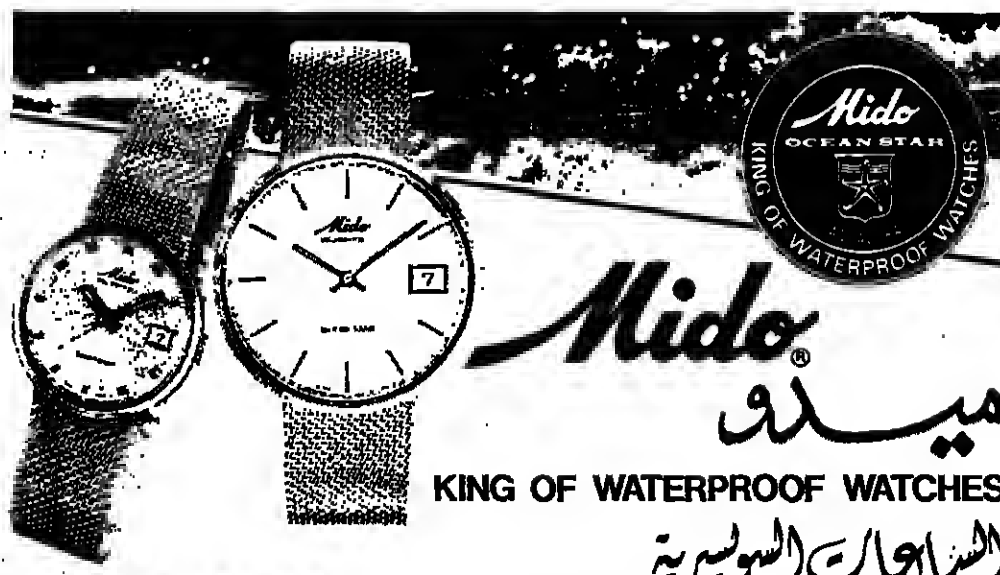
DHAHRAN

Saturday, July 14 — Tuesday, July 17:

Eastern Province hotel sports competition finals: swimming at the Ramada Inn (July 14), table tennis at the Marriott (July 15), basketball at the Carlton (July 16), volleyball at the Carlton (July 17). For details, contact the hotels involved.

Wednesday, July 18 and Thursday, July 19:

Community review "The Look of Luv," at the Najmah theater, Ras Tanurah, 7:30 p.m. Tickets (SR10) at the mail center, July 12 and 13.

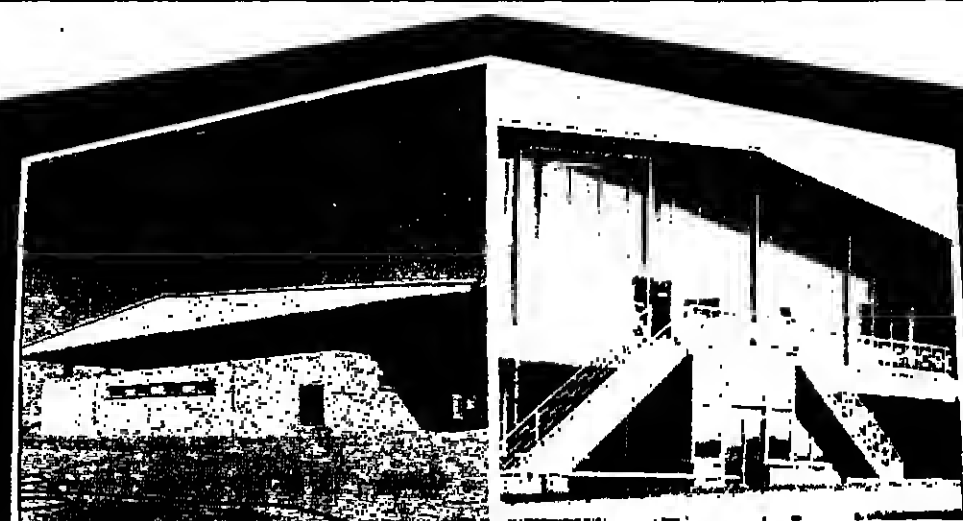


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From quay to consignee

Gulf tennis tour slated

By Nigel Harvey
London Bureau

This September the Middle East's first tennis circuit gets under way, and the Gulf is on the tour.

Twelve international players are being flown out for four weeks of qualifying rounds in Dubai, Bahrain, Kuwait and Oman before a final week in Cairo.

Local competitions will soon begin to find the four best local players in each of the qualifying countries of the circuit. They stand to win \$200, even if they lose in the first round and the total prize money available on the circuit will be \$60,000.

The circuit is not going to Saudi Arabia this year, apparently after official indication that visas would not be granted to the three Egyptian Davis Cup players taking part.

They are Ismail Shafie, the only Arab to play in this year's Wimbledon and a former junior champion, Turek Sakka and Ahmad Mehelmy.

The organisers of the circuit, the Kent Tennis Tour which is being sponsored by Kent cigarettes and supported by Dunlop and Gulf Air, are still finalizing the list of nine other international players. They are expected to be "middle ranking" players like John Feaver and Mark Cox of Britain.

This will give local players a better chance of getting in among the winners.



TACKLE: New South Wales second-rower Geoff Gerard decks a British Lions forward with a bootlace tackle at the Sydney Cricket Ground this week. But the Lions went on to snatch a last-minute 19-17 win.

Sandy Mayer goes down

Solomon still going strong at Forest Hills

NEW YORK, July 11 (AP) — Harold Solomon beat Sandy Mayer and Eddie Dibbs survived a late surge by Peter Fleming, 6-1, 7-3, 6-8, in the \$300,000 Forest Hills Invitation tournament, a 12-man, round-robin tennis event.

Against Mayer Solomon showed an efficient service and a better attacking form. After

downing old rival Eddie Dibbs Monday night, Solomon had declared that he had decided to go all out in tennis in the next three years.

Up against Dibbs he had a hard time putting away important shots, particularly easy overheads.

His overheads were far better Tuesday and he spent a lot of time

at the net, a territory he is not known to frequent.

Mayer, who was troubled by a slight wrist sprain, continually overhit, particularly on his approach shots.

Fleming, who normally plays a big serve-and-volley game, seemed to lack energy through the first set against Dibbs. It was not

until the fourth game of the second set that his nerve went to work for him: he had broken Dibbs twice and dropped service once in that set, but in the fourth, he had two service winners and followed with a cross-court volley to go up 4-1.

But his service turn was still faulty and he blew a set point, allowing Dibbs to close the gap, 5-5.

Bad blood surfaced in the doubles match between the teams of Sandy Mayer-Gene Mayer and Fleming-John McEnroe. The Mayers eventually won 6-4, 4-6, 7-6.

Oslo or London

Ovett thinks where to run

DUBLIN, July 11 (R) — Steve Ovett, Britain's most controversial athlete, has still not decided whether to run in his own nation championships in London at the weekend or the Golden Mile event in Oslo on Tuesday.

The European 1,500 meters

champion ended a disturbed and confused day with a win in an invitation meeting here Tuesday night and then announced he would probably make up his mind about the Amateur Athletic Association championships on Thursday.

The AAA at first banned Ovett from running in the Dublin event but changed their minds when he threatened to miss their meeting. Officials had feared that Ovett risked injury just before the biggest domestic meeting of the British season.

Ovett clocked one minute 46.17 seconds with Czechoslovak Josef Plachy second and American Craig Masbach third, then said he was not happy at the way he had been treated.

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On the way to final

U.S. basketballers beat Cubans

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, July 11 (AP) — Mike Woodson scored 27 points to lead the unbeaten United States men's basketball team to a 101-83 victory over Cuba at the Pan American Games Tuesday.

Woodson, a six-foot-five forward, has scored 57 points in the last two games for the Americans, who have won seven in a row in these games.

The Americans, who have won 16 straight contests in the last two Pan Am Games, are on a collision course with Puerto Rico for the gold medal Friday night.

The United States, 85-53 victors over the Cubans a week earlier in this round-robin tournament, used a balanced attack to drop the losers to a 2-4 record. Alejandro Urgelles, a 6-3 1/2 forward, was the top scorer for Cuba with 18 points.

Kyle Macy of Kentucky, a six-foot-three guard, was struck in the face by a Cuban basketball player during the game.

Macy was to undergo X-rays to determine whether he had suffered a broken jaw. "We won't know until tomorrow," an American team physician said.

Tomes Herrera was ejected for hitting Macy with 18:44 remaining in the second half. Macy, who scored eight points, played one more minute before he was taken out as a precaution.

Bobby Knight, the U.S. team's coach, was furious over the incident. "The guy (Herrera) should have been thrown out of the games."

Macy has started all seven of the United States' victories and has scored 85 points.

Running

BELGRADE, July 11 (R) — Suleiman Nyambui of Tanzania clocked three minutes 37.60 seconds to win the 1,500 meters at an international athletic meeting here Tuesday night.



CHAMPION: Wearing her gold medal and holding her stuffed animal mascot, Mary Menzies of the United States acknowledges the applause of the crowd after setting a world record in the women's 200 meter butterfly swimming race at the Pan American Games in Puerto Rico this week. Beside her is another American girl, silver medalist Karlene Miller.

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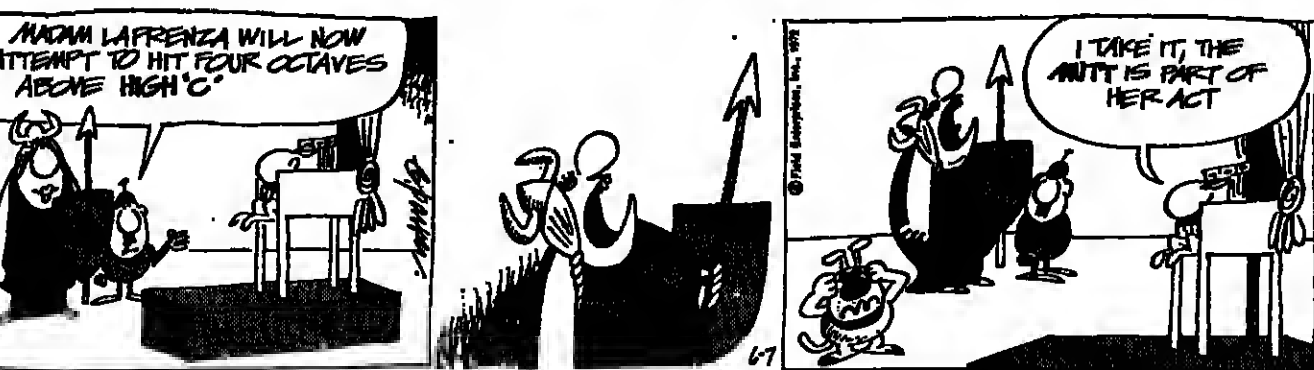
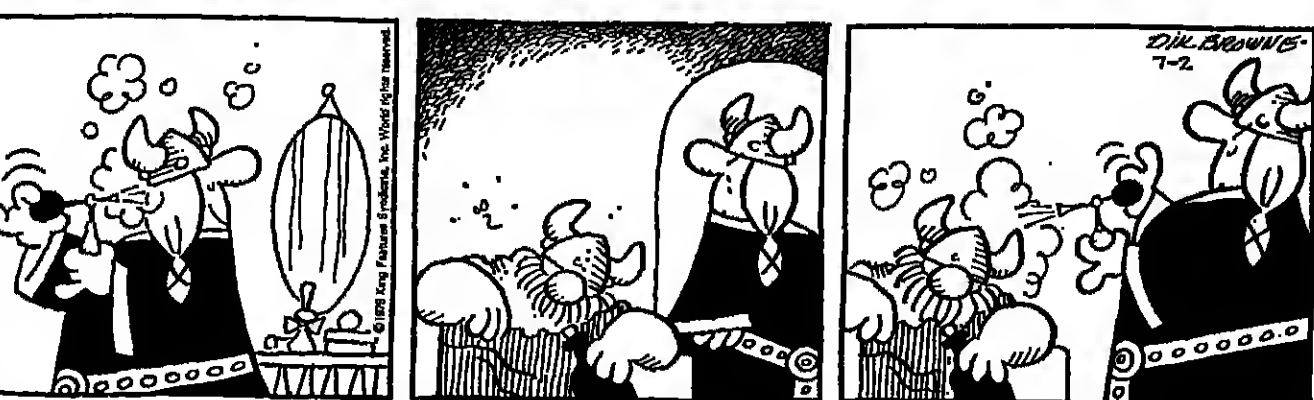
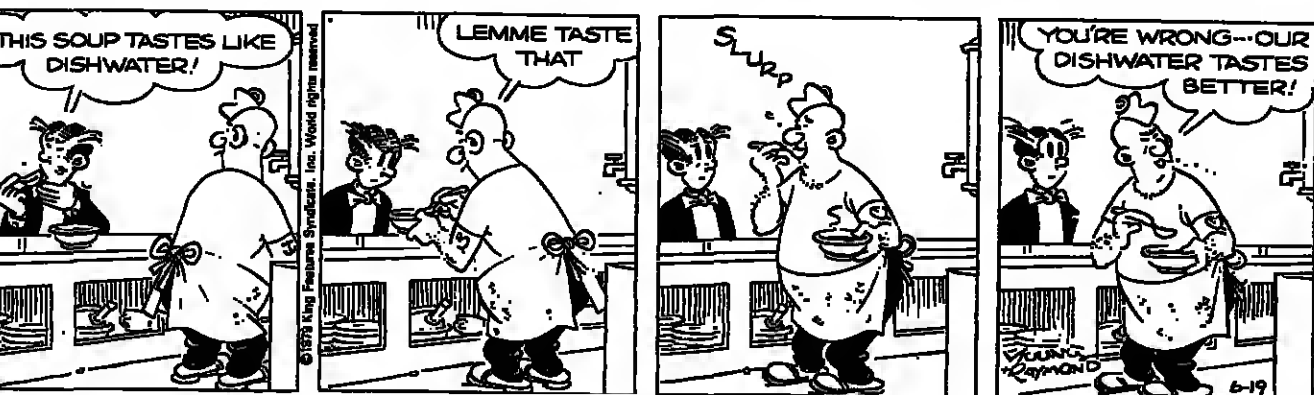
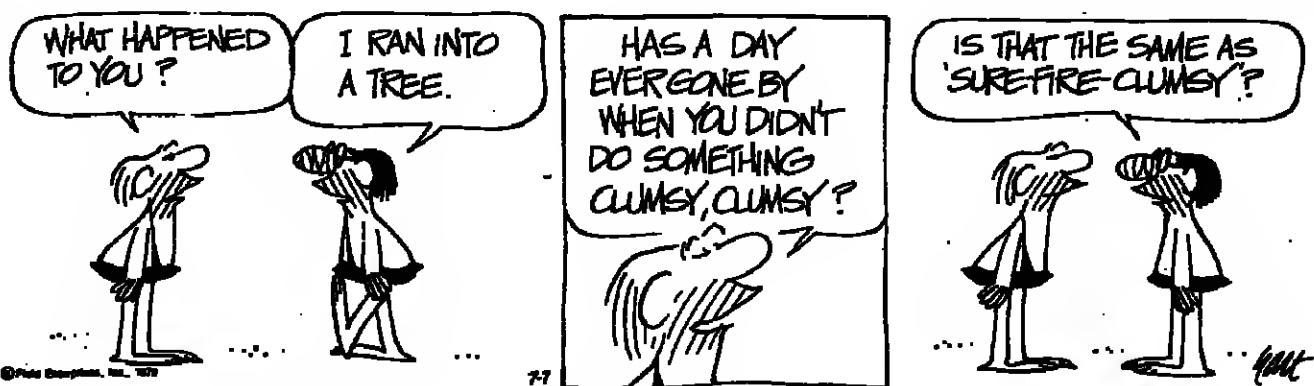
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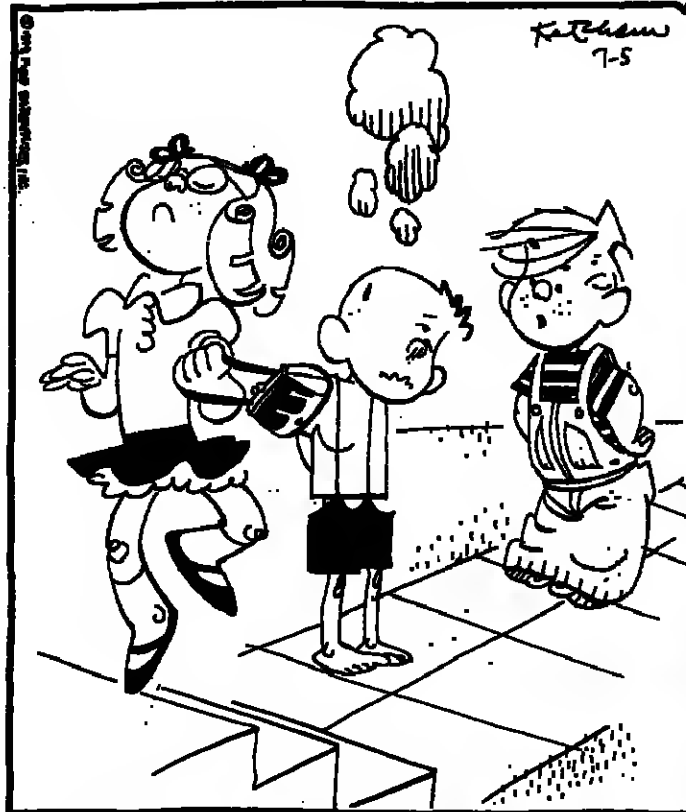
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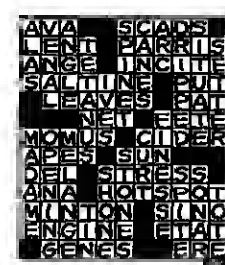
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by THOMAS JOSEPH

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5 Range of notes
10 Min: Lat.
11 Not the Occident
13 Sacred picture
14 Baby's plaything
15 Style
16 Piece of crown
17 Pie plate
18 Metaphor
19 Le Gallienne
20 Ship boat
21 Famed architect
22 Lobster state
24 English river
25 African fox
26 Reward
27 We drink
28 Work on the salad
29 Chemistry suffix
30 Party personality
34 Kind of ale
36 Actress
37 Gourmand
38 Great
39 Lakes port
40 Sought lampreys
- DOWN
2 In - parents
3 Cupid
4 Sameness of pitch
5 In a bad way
6 Jalousy
7 Islet
8 Learned
9 Park up
12 Inhabit
14 Empty-headed
15 Tracy's male
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28 Byron's rose



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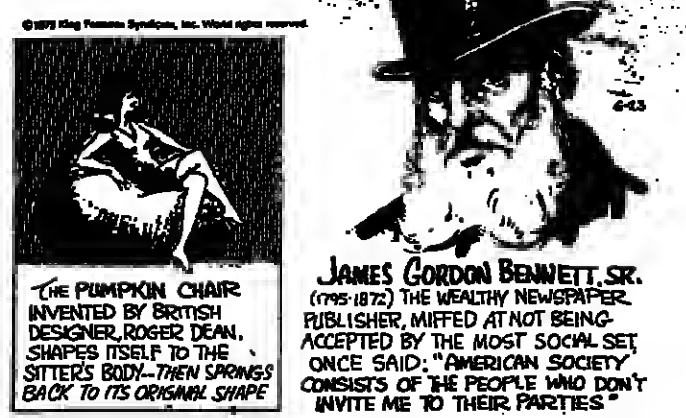
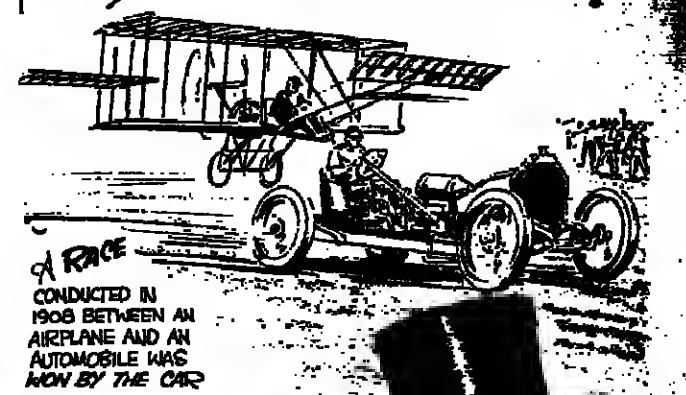
A X Y Z L A A X X
L O W G F E L L O W

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

KTJJP QYVJ RMIXEJ BQRBJR
BOJU AQP SJV XEJQRZJ
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Saturday's Cryptquote: THE REAL VALUE OF LOVE IS THE INCREASED GENERAL VITALITY IT PRODUCES - PAUL VALERY

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JAMES GORDON BENNETT, SR. (1795-1872) THE WEALTHY NEWSPAPER PUBLISHER, MARRIED AT NOT BEING ACCEPTED BY THE MOST SOCIAL SET ONCE SAID: "AMERICAN SOCIETY CONSISTS OF THE PEOPLE WHO DON'T INVITE ME TO THEIR PARTIES."

Contract Bridge

B. Jay Becker

Famous Hand

South dealer:
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ 10 7 5 4
♥ A Q 10 5 3
♦ Q 3 2
♣ 6
WEST
♠ J 7 8 4
♥ K J 8 7 6
♦ K Q 8
EAST
♠ J 9 6 3
♥ 9 8
♦ 2 5 4
♣ 10 8 7 5 4

South
♠ A K Q 8 2
♥ K 2
♦ A 10
♣ A J 3 2
West
♠ J 7 6
♥ K
♦ Q
♣ J
East
♠ 9 5
♥ 10 8 7
♦ 10 8 7
♣ J 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1 NT Pass 4 ♣ Pass
2 ♣ Pass 5 ♣ Pass
3 ♣ Pass 5 ♣ Pass
7 ♣

Opening lead - king of clubs.

A hand played by Jeff Rubens the year he won the national Men's Pair championship is a marvelous example of how to play a high degree of skill with a corresponding amount of good luck to bring home a grand slam.
Rubens took West's king of clubs with the ace and played the ace of trumps at trick two. When West unexpectedly showed out, Rubens ruffed a club with dummy's ten and returned a trump, winning East's nine with the queen.

Now Rubens played his last trump and West was in a pickle. Hoping to find his partner with the jack of clubs, West discarded the queen of clubs as declarer discarded dummy's diamond.

ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

PRAYER TIMES

Thursday	Fajr	Ishraq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	4:25	5:53	12:33	3:50	7:09	8:39
Medina	4:12	5:40	12:33	3:54	7:14	8:44
Nejd	3:47	5:18	12:05	3:27	6:46	8:16

DHAHRAN TV

4:30 Childrens Show	Ses St: 1127, Laff a
5:55 The Monster Squad	Lymphs: Ariz
6:19 The Waltons	No Face
7:06 Randall & Hopkirk	Career Girl
Safety Film	The Ghost Talks
8:05 Kojak	Fire Safety Hot Stuff
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	Paxton
8:53 Theater of Stars	In Any Language

WEATHER

Forecast for the next 24 hours:
No improvement is expected in the temperatures over the north-eastern, central and eastern regions where surface winds will blow northerly raising sandstorms occasionally. Moderately hot weather is likely to continue over the northwestern and western regions and fine over the western and southwestern highlands, where surface winds will blow mostly northerly at moderate speed.
Sea conditions will be calm to moderate in the Red Sea and moderate to rough in the Gulf.

Wednesday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

Mecca	43	31	Tabuk	34	20
Jeddah	35	27	Turaif	32	16
Riyadh	41	26	Arar	38	23
Dhahran	39	33	Bisha	37	21
Medina	41	26	Yanbu	35	25
Taif	34	21	Abha	29	16

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1:00 Opening	10:00 Opening
1:01 The Holy Quran	10:01 The Holy Quran
1:05 Gems of Guidance	10:05 Message to the Faithful
1:10 This Week's Landmark	10:10 Light Music
1:20 Top of the Pops	10:15 NEWS
1:50 Classical Music	10:25 S.A. - A Daily Chronicle
2:20 On Islam	10:30 Music Worldwide
2:30 Jazz Music	11:00 Youth Welfare
3:00 NEWS	11:10 Music
3:10 Press Review	11:15 The Evening Show
3:20 Islam - The Divine Truth	11:45 World of Guitar
3:30 Leaps & Bounds	12:00 Imp. Com. & Recollections
3:40 MUSIC	12:10 MUSIC
3:50 Close Down	12:15 Nashville
	12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
	01:00 Close Down

VOA

P.M.	10:05 Opening: Analyses
8:00 News Roundup:	News Summary
Reports: Actualities:	10:30 VOC Magazine:
Opinion; Analyses	America; Science;
8:30 Dateline	Cultural; Letter
News Summary	11:00 Special English: News
9:00 Special English:	11:30 Music USA: (Jazz)
News; Feature: The	VOA WORLD REPORT
Making of a Nation	Midnight
News Summary	12:00 News newsmakers'
9:30 Music USA:	voices correspondents
(Standards)	reports background
10:00 News Roundup:	features media comments
Reports: Actualities	news analyses.

BBC

Morning Transmission	4.30 The Pleasure's Yours
8.00 World News	5.15 Report on Religion
8.09 * Twenty-Four Hours	6.00 Radio Newsreel
News Summary	6.15 * Outlook
8.30 * Sarah Ward	7.00 World News
8.45 World Today	7.09 Commentary
9.00 Newsweek	7.15 * Sherlock Holmes
9.30 * Opera Star	7.45 World Today
10.00 World News	8.00 World News
10.09 Twenty-Four Hours	8.09 * Books and Writers
News Summary	8.30 * Take One
10.30 * Sarah Ward	8.45 Sports Round-up
10.45 * Something to Show	9.00 World News
You	9.09 News about Britain
11.00 World News	9.15 Radio Newsreel
11.09 Reflections	9.30 Farming World
11.15 Flair Style	10.00 Outlook News
11.30 Brain of Britain 1978	Summary
12.00 World News	10.39 Stock Market Report
12.09 British Press Review	10.43 Look Ahead
12.15 World Today	10.45 Ulster in Forces
12.30 Financial News	11.00 World News
12.40 Look Ahead	11.09 Twenty-Four Hours:
12.45 The Tony Myatt	News Summary
Request Show	11.30 The Pleasure's Yours
Evening Transmission	Midnight Transmission
1.15 Ulster in Focus	12.15 Talkabout
1.30 Discovery	12.45 Nature
2.00 World News	Notebook
2.09 News about Britain	1.00 World News
2.15 Alphabet of	1.09 World Today
Musical Curios	1.25 Financial News
2.30 Sports International	1.35 BBOOK Choice
2.40 Radio Newsreel	1.40 Reflections
3.15 Promenade Concert	1.45 Sports Round-up
3.45 Sports Round-up	2.00 World News
4.00 World News	2.09 Commentary
4.09 Twenty-Four Hours:	2.15 The Face of England
News Summary	

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ♈
A day of minor happenings. Still, inwardly you may be feeling a slight resentment. Domestic concerns too prey on consciousness.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉
Social activity can interfere with work concerns. In the p.m. a slight difference of opinion or misunderstanding with a friend.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) ♊
Mixing business with pleasure could have some unpleasant repercussions. Perhaps, you feel someone else is unfairly grabbing attention.

CANCER (June 21 to July 20) ♋
You may find fault with advice you receive and grumble a bit in private. In your eyes advisers may not be giving you proper consideration.

LEO (July 21 to Aug. 22) ♌
Don't be pressured into signing papers about a business venture. Hidden factors affect current negotiations and require investigation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍
Money, a possible issue between you and others. A social gathering may not match your mood. Be considerate of close one's feelings.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎
Insisting on your own way only adds to work complications. Don't let minor agitation sway you from seeing the larger picture.

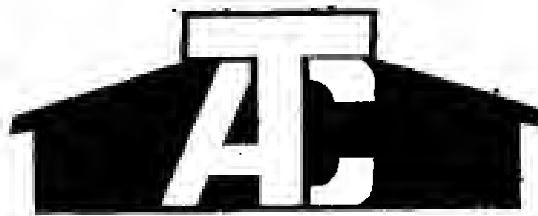
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏
Unconscious resentment affects romantic relationships. Don't be suspicious of advice you receive. You may be making too much of a small thing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐
The attitude of friends that drop by could in some way upset you. Minor disagreements about domestic matters needn't spoil the evening.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑
A deaf ear to your proposals by a higher-up could get under your skin. Communications with others in general are less than perfect.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ♒
A slightly aggravated mood could mar much of the day's activities. Matters pertaining to work, travel or finances could irk you.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) ♓
A date or romantic interest could seem preoccupied or in some way not responsive. A close ally seems set in his ways and not ready to change.



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International

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Heavy fighting in provinces

Rebels threaten new drive on Somoza regime forces

MANAGUA, July 11 (AP) — The Sandinista rebels threatened a new attack on Managua as President Anastasio Somoza hung on and his army made no progress against the guerrillas.

The guerrillas' Radio Sandino said the attack on Managua would begin Tuesday, but the offensive did not materialize. However, the National Guard sent extra troops to the eastern slums, which the guerrillas occupied for 18 days and then evacuated two weeks ago under heavy attack.

The guard claimed it shot down

a twin-engine plane bringing ammunition to the guerrillas in Rivas, 95 kilometers southeast of Managua, and said its planes continued bombing rebel positions in Rivas and Masaya, 32 kilometers south of the capital.

The guerrillas said they ambushed Guardsmen in Ciudad De La Paz Central, west of Managua, and the northern towns of Tipitapa and Santa Ana.

The Sandinistas have battled the National Guard to a standstill in Rivas and in the last six weeks have won control of 26 other cities

and towns, forming a noose around Managua. They also control a stretch of territory along the southern border with Costa Rica, which served as the launching pad for their latest offensive.

Somoza held a news conference in his fortified headquarters in Managua and implied he would resign and leave Nicaragua if the survival of the National Guard and his Liberal Party were assured. But he said he would "fight to the end" if they were not.

He said his departure depends heavily on American talks in Costa Rica with the provisional junta that the Sandinistas named. He said he trusts in the strength of the United States to work out an acceptable agreement with the Junta.

U.S. Ambassador William Bowdler met for the third time Tuesday with the three members of the five-member junta who are in Costa Rica. The results of the talk were not made known, but previously Bowdler proposed that the post-Somoza government include representatives of the National Guard and Somoza's party and that the junta be enlarged by two more "moderate" members to dilute the influence of the leftist Sandinistas. The junta rejected both proposals.

Somoza hedged on when asked how long his troops could last against the guerrillas. "They might last a month, they might last years," he said.

He acknowledged that the halt of foreign arms shipments to his forces was hurting his military effort and said if the rebels keep getting arms via Costa Rica, "no force can stop them."



SUMMER DAYS: In Brussels, where it's nowhere near as hot as it is in Saudi Arabia, a favorite pastime is catching a nap in a park on a warm summer day. Or maybe just lying back and looking up to see the clouds go by.

TV confrontation

SALT debaters trade views

WASHINGTON, July 11 (AP) — The second Soviet-American strategic arms limitation treaty (SALT II) was described by supporters Tuesday night as "a small step toward peace," while opponents charged that it would give the Soviet Union nuclear superiority.

The opposing claims came during a nationally televised debate. Senator John Culver, Democrat of Iowa, arguing the case for treaty proponents, recalled that 16 years ago the late President John F. Kennedy introduced the limited nuclear test ban treaty as a small first step. SALT II, he said, is also a small, but significant step.

Senator Jake Garn, Republican of Utah, countered by saying "SALT II is not arms control. It allows massive buildups...it's in-

equitable... unverifiable...and it would give the Soviet Union politically meaningful nuclear superiority by the mid-1980s."

Garn was joined in the opposition by former U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Nitze and former Chief of Naval Operations Elmo Zumwalt. Culver's team included U.S. Undersecretary of Defense William Perry and retired

Admiral Noel Gayler.

Culver insisted that the Soviets would be significantly restrained by the treaty, forced to dismantle 250 missiles and bombers, denied thousands of possible added warheads and not allowed to deploy their SS-16 missile.

"We are about to permit the Soviets to achieve superiority," he said.

A storm named 'Bob' threatens U.S. coast

NEW ORLEANS, July 11 (AP) — Tropical storm "Bob" became a hurricane Tuesday and took aim on the Louisiana coast, prompting the evacuation of about 8,000 offshore oil workers in the Gulf of Mexico and residents of the resort town of Grand Isle.

The National Hurricane Center at Miami also said another tropical depression had formed about 150 miles southeast of Charleston, South Carolina, and was moving northeast at about 10 miles per hour with winds of 35 mph. No

significant change in strength was expected.

Bob — the first Atlantic storm to carry a man's name — had 75 mph winds and was moving north at 10 mph to 15 mph. It was located 320 miles south-southwest of New Orleans at 2200 GMT.

Hurricane warnings were hoisted from Louisiana's Vermilion Bay to Biloxi, Mississippi. Small craft from Port Arthur, Texas to Pensacola, Florida, were warned to stay in port.

Operation on Lebanese boy in U.S. successful

NEW YORK, July 11 (AP) — A team of surgeons at Maimonides Hospital operated on a 7-year-old Lebanese boy to correct a damaged urinary tract Tuesday and termed the procedure "successful" after the operation.

Dr. Reith Waterhouse and a six-member surgical team operated for three hours and 15 minutes on the boy, Mady Imad, to create a bypass from his urethra into his bladder.

Hospital spokesman James Neiman said the boy entered the operating room at about 8:30 a.m. Neiman said the boy would be kept in the hospital for observation. Further information on the boy's recovery would be known Wednesday, he said.

The second-grader, the youngest of four children, fractured his pelvis last October when a 100-pound sandbag in a Beirut

shelter fell on him. Since then, he has been forced to wear a urine bag strapped to his side.

"Apparently a sandbag from one of the shelters they use in Beirut fell on the boy and it caused the crushing of his urinary tract," said Neiman. "The damage occurred right where the urethra — which is the urinary canal — attaches to the bladder."

He said Lebanese doctors had unsuccessfully tried to correct the problem in two operations.

Italy Socialists begin bid to form new government

ROME, July 11 (R) — The first Italian Socialist leader ever invited to try to form a government, Bettino Craxi, Wednesday began his attempt to end the country's five-month political crisis.

He was to meet leaders of the dominant Christian Democrats at 1700 GMT to outline his plans.

Caretaker Premier Giulio Andreotti's attempts to form his fourth consecutive administration collapsed last week when Craxi refused to add the 62 Socialist seats to the 262 held by the Christian Democrats in the 630-seat lower house.

The humiliated Christian Democrats would probably rebuff a similar offer from Craxi but it is not certain whether he will ask them.

He might try instead a coalition of the left, having often said that he would not enter a government without the Communists, the second largest party.

New DC-10 cracks may keep airplane from flying this week

WASHINGTON, July 11 (R) — A United States government ban on McDonnell-Douglas DC-10 wide-bodied aircraft may not be lifted this week following the discovery of cracks in two more planes.

Spokesmen for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), which announced the discovery of the cracks Tuesday, were cautious about when the grounding order might now be lifted.

FAA director Langhorne Bond was due to testify before the Senate Aviation Sub-committee Wednesday on the state of the investigation.

The new cracks were found in the engine mountings on two Trans International Airlines DC-10's in California. Like those found on a United Airlines plane on Saturday, they were in part of the structure which did not make them hazardous.

But the discovery showed that some aircraft had not completed the inspections demanded by the FAA before the ban can be lifted.

All 138 DC-10's operated in the U.S. were grounded on June 6 after an engine dropped off an American Airlines plane on take-off from Chicago in May. It crashed, killing 273 people in the worst air disaster in U.S. history.

Foreign airlines followed the FAA ban but were allowed to resume operations late last month. But they are still banned from flying DC-10's into the U.S.

Tuesday the FAA issued a report which said the use of a fork-lift truck by maintenance workers,

against the planemakers' instructions, had damaged the engine mounting on the American Airlines DC-10.

It said that both American Airlines and Continental Airlines had used forklifts to remove the engines and pylons for inspection, which might have stretched the pylons and caused the cracks found in their planes.

The manufacturers had recommended use of a flexible sling.

U.S. hit by sharp increase in all crimes

WASHINGTON, July 11 (AP) — The crime rate in the United States is soaring this year, with dramatic increases in murders, rapes and robberies across the country, the Federal Bureau of Investigation reported Tuesday.

The FBI, which bases its statistics on reports from most local and state police agencies, said violent crime surged by 17 per cent during the first three months of 1979 compared with the same period a year ago, and property crimes rose by 11 per cent.

The over-all increase in serious crime was 11 per cent, with property crimes far outnumbering violent crimes.

FBI spokesman Homer Boynton said there were no clear-cut reasons to explain the increase.

Some officials theorize that the economic downturn in the United States is contributing to a new crime wave.

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